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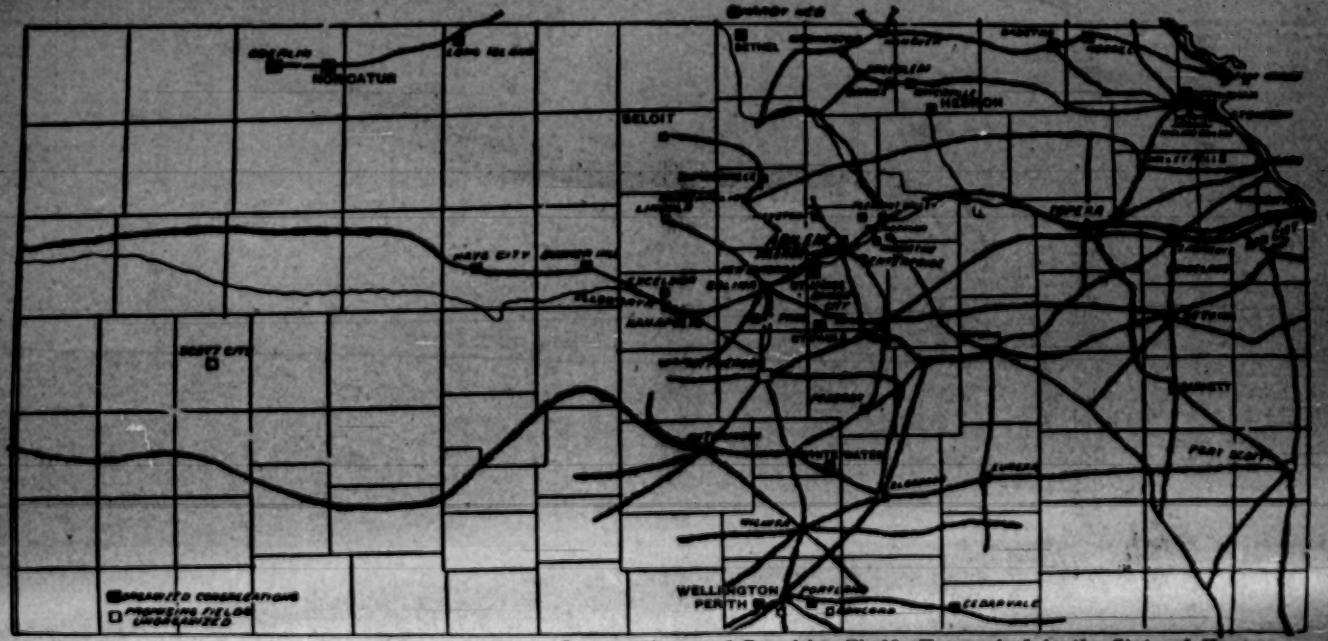

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SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1907–1908

Corporate Name.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. H. A. OTT, D.D.
Secretary—Rev. S. M. LESHER.
Treasurer—J. E. TRESSLER, M.D.
Statistical and Historical Secretary—Rev. B. R. LANTZ.

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Rev. A. B. SCHRADER, 1908. Rev. E. E. STAUFFER, 1909.

Trustees, Midland College.

Rev. I. B. HEISEY. Mr. H. W. McAFEE.

Trustees of Tabitha Home.

Rev. H. L. YARGER, D.D. Rev. B. R. LANTZ.

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1. Examining Committee.

Rev. J. C. SCHINDEL. Rev. R. B. WOLF.
Rev. FULLER BERGSTRESSER. Rev. M. J. FIREY, D.D.
Rev. J. H. STOUGH, Ph.D.

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Rev. H. L. YARGER, D.D., 1909. Rev. F. D. ALTMAN, D.D., 1910.
Mr. R. M. LADWIG, 1908.

3. Advisory Board of Home Missions.

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Rev. GEO. S. MURPHY, 1910.

4. Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Rev. J. M. CROMER, D.D. Rev. G. G. CLARK.
Rev. C. W. SIFFERD, D.D.

5. Committee on History of Synod.

Rev. H. A. OTT, D.D. Rev. H. L. YARGER, D.D.
Rev. R. B. WOLF. Rev. M. F. TROXELL, D.D.
Rev. J. B. McAFEE. Rev. E. E. STAUFFER.

6. Committee on Parochial Reports.

Rev. B. R. LANTZ. Rev. J. B. GROVE.
Rev. A. M. REITZELL.

7. Committee on Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies.

Rev. E. E. STAUFFER. Rev. GEO. BEISWANGER.
Rev. A. E. RENN.

8. Synodical Representation on Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. FULLER BERGSTRESSER.

9. Committee on Endowment of Midland College and Western Theological Seminary.

Rev. A. B. SCHRADER. Rev. S. M. LESHER.
Mr. J. H. BERLIN.

10. Committee on Necrology.

Rev. B. F. PUGH. Rev. JOHN A. BRIGHT.
Rev. H. H. HALL, D.D.

11. Committee on Temperance.

Rev. C. F. WIEST. Rev. F. S. DELO.
Rev. J. H. UTESCH.

PROGRAM, 1908 CONVENTION.

Friday Evening.
Opening Sermon, Rev. H. A. OTT, D.D.
Commemorating fortieth anniversary.
Alternate, Rev. S. M. LESHER.

Saturday Afternoon, 3:00 P. M.
Preparatory Sermon,
F. D. ALTMAN, D.D. Alternate, J. M. CROMER, D.D.

Saturday Evening.
Women's Missionary Society.

Sunday Morning.
Communion Sermon,
H. L. YARGER, D.D. Alternate, Rev. A. E. RENN.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Ordination,

REV. E. E. STAUFFER. REV. A. M. REITZELL.

MONDAY EVENING.

Missions, Home and Foreign,

DRS. L. P. LUDDEN and M. J. KLINE.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Our Eleemosynary Institutions,

REV. R. B. WOLF. Alternate, REV. GEO. BEISWANGER.

Devotional Leader, REV. FULLER BERGSTRESSER.

THE FORTY-FIRST CONVENTION.

Time—Friday evening, October 16th, 1908.

Place—St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Peabody, Kan.

Officers of Conferences.

Northeast Conference.

REV. B. R. LANTZ, *President.*
REV. A. E. RENN, *Secretary.*
REV. B. F. PUGH, *Treasurer.*

Southwest Conference.

REV. G. S. MURPHY, *President.*
REV. G. G. CLARK, *Secretary.*
REV. C. F. WIEST, *Treasurer.*

PLACES OF MEETING SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF KANSAS SYNOD.

No.	*Time.*	*Place.*
1.	November 5-7, 1868	Topeka, Kansas.
2.	April 25, 1869	Atchison, Kansas.
	October 6-10, 1869	Kansas City, Mo
3.	October 5-10, 1870	Lawrence, Kansas.
4.	September 27-October 1, 1871	Grasshopper Falls, Kansas.
5.	September 11-14, 1872	Monrovia, Kansas.
6.	October 1-6, 1873	Kansas City, Mo.
7.	October 21-25, 1874	Abilene, Kansas.
8.	September 22-27, 1875	Lawrence, Kansas.
9.	August 1-6, 1876	Kansas City, Mo
10.	August 22-25, 1877	Salina, Kansas.
11.	August 7-10, 1878	Peabody, Kansas.
12.	September 24-28, 1879	Abilene, Kansas.
13.	October 13-18, 1880	Lawrence, Kansas.
14.	October 5-9, 1881	Bunker Hill, Kansas.
15.	October 25-30, 1882	Salina, Kansas.
16.	October 24-29, 1883	Eureka, Kansas.
17.	Nov. 25-Dec. 1, 1884	Topeka, Kansas.
18.	October 20-26, 1885	Peabody, Kansas.
19.	October 12-18, 1886	Waterville, Kansas.
20.	October 25-31, 1887	Abilene, Kansas.
21.	October 23-28, 1888	Lawrence, Kansas.
22.	October 1-6, 1889	Atchison, Kansas.
23.	October 21-27, 1890	Salina, Kansas.
24.	October 20-25, 1891	Emporia, Kansas.
25.	October 18-23, 1892	Kansas City, Mo., Children's Memorial.
26.	October 17-22, 1893	Kansas City, Mo., First Lutheran Church.

27. October 16-21, 1894.....Topeka, Kansas.
28. October 15-20, 1895.....Abilene, Kansas.
29. October 20-25, 1896.....Lawrence, Kansas.
30. October 20-24, 1897.....Peabody, Kansas.
31. October 19-23, 1898.....Hutchinson, Kansas.
32. October 18-22, 1899.....Atchison, Kansas.
33. October 3-7, 1900.....Waterville, Kansas.
34. October 16-20, 1901.....Wellington, Kansas.
35. October 15-19, 1902.....Salina, Kansas.
36. October 21-25, 1903.....St. Joseph, Mo.
37. October 19-23, 1904.....Eureka, Kansas.
38. October 17-21, 1905.....Emporia, Kansas.
39. October 16-17, 1906.....Topeka, Kansas.
40. October 15-18, 1907.....Ottawa, Kansas.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Fortieth Annual Convention

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

KANSAS

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas met in fortieth annual convention in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ottawa, Kansas, Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D.D., pastor, Tuesday evening, October 15, 1907, at 8 o'clock.

The sermon was preached by the President, Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D., of Salina, Kansas. The subject was "Love," based upon 1 Corinthians 13: 13. Following the sermon the Holy Communion was administered.

Previous to the opening meeting the Luther League of the church tendered a very enjoyable reception to the delegates.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1907, 8.30 A. M.

Rev. I. B. Heisey conducted a half hour's devotional service.

Synod was opened by the use of the Morning Service, conducted by Dr. Ott. Rev. M. J. Firey, D.D., led in prayer.

The clerical roll was called and lay delegates enrolled.

Rev. B. R. Lantz was appointed secretary pro tempore.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

Number.	Ministers.	Entered Ministry.	Residence.	Lay Delegates and Correspondents.
1	S. Henry, a. e.	1850	Independence	
2	J. B. McAfee, D.D., a. e.	1854	Topeka	
3	A. B. Kirtland, a. e.	1857	Salina	
4	N. W. Lilly, a. e.	1858	Kansas City, Mo.	
5	D. Scholl, a. e.	1859	Seattle, Wash.	
6	R. B. Whitehill	1862	Wellington	
7	H. H. Hall, D.D.	1869	Chapman	
8	J. Howard Stough, Ph.D.	1872	Atchison	Prof. Midland College
9	J. F. Cressler	1872	North Platte, Neb.	
10	John A. Bright	1873	Campus	Abram Flipse, d. a.
11	S. Palmer, a. e.	1875	Lawrence	
12	C. W. Sifferd, D.D.	1875	Ottawa	C. F. Burk, d.
13	J. M. Cromer, D.D.	1876	Kansas City, Mo.	Bryant S. Cromer, d. a.
14	B. F. Pugh	1877	Ottawa	L. S. Sigler, d. Garnet
15	J. N. Zimmer, a. e.	1878	Abilene	
16	H. A. Ott, D.D.	1881	Salina	J. W. Kraft, d.
17	F. D. Altman, D.D.	1882	Atchison	Pres. West. Theo. Sem.
18	A. B. Shrader	1882	Kansas City, Mo.	W. McD. Biggerstaff, d.
19	J. C. Schindel	1884	Kansas City, Mo.	John A. Wible, d.
20	H. L. Yarger, D.D.	1885	Atchison	West Sec. Bd. Ch. Ex.
21	M. F. Rinker, a. e.	1885	Los Angeles, Cal.	
22	H. A. Koogle	1888	Chapman	
23	Edwin Bollman	1889	Effingham	
24	I. B. Heisey	1892	Waterville	M. M. Rice, d.
25	Frank S. Delo	1893	Hutchison	W. R. Rutledge, c.
26	R. B. Wolf	1893	Kansas City, Mo.	H. C. Bennetzen, d.
27	Fuller Bergstresser	1893	Abilene	John T. Lesher, d. a.
28	H. Zimmerman	1893	Nebraska City, Neb.	
29	P. G. Tonsing	1893	Atchison	
30	S. M. Lesher	1894	Sedalia, Mo.	J. H. Meyer, d. a.
31	George Beiswanger	1894	Oklahoma City, Okla.	A. Goodholm, d. a.
32	Geo. S. Murphy	1896	Peabody	J. E. Tressler, M.D., d.
33	A. M. Reitzel	1896	Wellington	J. A. Tritt, d. a.
34	A. E. Renn	1896	Atchison	B. D. Zimmerman, d.
35	E. E. Stauffer	1897	Lawrence	Albert Herring, d.
36	J. B. Grove	1898	Norcatur	G. C. Jorn, a. e.
37	B. R. Lantz	1898	St. Joseph, Mo.	R. M. Ladwig, d.
38	Chas. F. Wiest	1898	Hays City	C. M. Holmquist, c.
39	J. T. Miller	1899	Santa Fe., Kansas	
40	R. Richter	1902	Greenleaf	J. C. Nelson, c.
41	Oliver MacWilliams	1903	Eureka	L. G. Porter, d. a.
42	John H. Utesch	1904	Beloit	G. Hodler, d. a.
43	J. M. Barnes	1905	Ellsworth	John Gamber, d.
44	M. J. Firey, D.D.	....	Kansas City, Mo.	
45	G. G. Clark	....	Emporia	L. T. Bang, d.
46	W. W. Horn	....	Topeka	C. W. Horn, d.
47	M. L. Exline	....	Stafford	
..	Vacant	....	Moray	O. T. Nelson, c.
..	Vacant	....	New Cambria	Wm. Vaubel, d.
..	Vacant	....	Valley Falls	Searel Dannevik, d.
..	Vacant	....	Whitewater	G. B. Hanstine, d.

a. e.—Absent and excused. a.—Absent. d.—Delegate. c.—Correspondent. d. a.—Delegate, Absent.

The President's Report.

Brethren of Kansas Synod:

For thirty-nine years this Synod has met in annual convention to consider the high interests of the holy Zion which has always held an inner place in its heart of hearts. We are now entering the fortieth year of our history and at a season when our beloved land is at peace with all the world, and is enjoying a season of prosperity unparalleled in its history, and our own State is rich in the possession of homes, and lands, and crops, and happiness. It is when one reads the story of the past, of its drouths, its grasshopper plagues, its burnt seasons of boom and false prosperity through which our Church has lived and faithfully done her work under the limitations of her environment, that we can truly see how God indeed has been our Ebenezer. The reports of today indicate that the Church is also in a measure sharing the general prosperity of the land. We believe these reports this year will indicate a substantial gain over last year. During the past year we have suffered no loss from death in our ranks, our pastorates are unusually well supplied with men, and strong men, too, and everything bids fair for a most aggressive year's work if we will but live up to our opportunities.

Herewith I submit a review of my official acts and give a digest of the reports submitted to me on the State of the Church:

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. J. F. Cressler, resigned the New Cambria pastorate Oct. 31, 1906.

Rev. J. M. Herbst, Valley Falls, November 27, 1906.

Rev. H. A. Ott, Topeka, February 1, 1907.

Rev. J. J. Chambers, Perth, April 1, 1907.

Rev. J. M. Herbst, Effingham, April 1, 1907.

Rev. F. R. Shirck, Whitewater, October 1, 1907.

DISMISSALS.

Rev. C. F. Shultz, to the Central Illinois Synod, November 17, 1906.

Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D.D., to the California Synod, December 11, 1906.

Rev. Charles E. Wirick, to the Northern Illinois Synod, December 29, 1906.

Rev. J. J. Chambers, to the California Synod, April 2, 1907.

Rev. A. J. Hartsock, to the California Synod, April 2, 1907.

Rev. J. M. Herbst, to the Rocky Mountain Synod, April 11, 1907.

Rev. F. R. Shirck, to the Nebraska Synod, September 24, 1907.

Rev. R. P. Schimmelpfenning, Ph.D., to the German Synod of Nebraska, October 9, 1907.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. J. H. Utesch, from Central Illinois Synod, to the Beloit pastorate, November 18, 1907. Letter received October 16, 1907.

Rev. J. M. Herbst assumed charge as pastor of the Effingham church, giving it his full time, separate from Valley Falls, November 27, 1906.

Rev. G. G. Clark, from Wittenberg Synod, to the Emporia church, December 1, 1906.

Rev. H. Dysinger, D.D., began as supply at Valley Falls, December 1, 1906, although he holds his membership in another Synod.

Rev. J. H. Barnes, from Iowa Synod to the Bunker Hill pastorate, January 1, 1907.

Rev. George Beiswanger, from the Pittsburgh Synod, to the Oklahoma City church, February 1, 1907.

Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D., took charge of Salina February 1, 1907.

Rev. J. C. Schindel, from the Miami Synod, to the Kansas City, Mo., First church, March 4, 1907.

Rev. Edwin Bollman, from the Nebraska Synod, to the Effingham church, July 1, 1907.

Rev. Oliver MacWilliams, from the Wittenberg Synod, to the Eureka church, January 14, 1907.

Rev. John A. Bright, to the Campus charge, October 1, 1907.

Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, of North Robinson, O., has accepted a call to the Perth church, to take charge November 1, 1907, but will not present his letter of dismissal until that date.

Rev. W. W. Horn, from Northern Illinois, took charge of Topeka October 1, 1907. Letter received October 16, 1907.

Rev. M. J. Firey, D.D., retired, presented his letter from Wittenberg Synod on October 8, 1907.

INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. Fr. R. Shirck was installed as pastor of the Whitewater church on December 30, 1906, for which service I appointed Rev. M. F. Troxell, D.D.

Rev. George Beiswanger was installed as pastor of the Oklahoma City church on April 21, 1907, to which service I appointed Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D.

Rev. G. G. Clark was installed pastor of the Emporia church on February 27, 1907, to which task I appointed Revs. A. E. Renn and G. S. Murphy.

Rev. J. C. Schindel was installed as pastor of the First church, Kansas City, Mo., on March 17, 1907, by Drs. M. J. Firey and M. F. Troxell.

RESIGNATION OF THE SECRETARY.

The removal of the Secretary out of the bounds of the Synod was the occasion of his resignation on April 2, 1907, at which time the Synodical archives and seal were shipped to me, according to the constitution, since which time your President has performed the duties of Secretary.

NEW CHARTER.

According to the instructions of the Synod a new charter running for ninety-nine years was obtained from the State of Kansas, upon which the Trustees of Synod will duly report.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS AND DEDICATIONS.

In December a request came to your President asking him to dedicate a new church at Campus, in Gove county, and organize a congregation. As the town was a new one, located on the main line of the U. P. railroad, we preferred to wait until the building was completed. Here I found a fine wheat and stock raising community eager for a church, and as the leading spirits were Lutheran, they decided in favor of a Lutheran church, and proceeded to erect a building, leaving the matter of organization for a later season. When the building was completed I gave them a Sunday, preaching from a stand, the congregation being seated on temporary plank benches. After organizing a Sunday School I advised them to defer the organization of a church until after a series of gospel services be held. These were held by Rev. John A. Bright, with very good results. On the 7th of April I again gave them a Sunday, organized the church with thirty-eight charter members, elected officers, conducted an appeal for funds, raising $1,250, which more than covered the indebtedness, and then dedicated the church. In this service I was assisted by Rev. Bright. The church is a frame structure, 28 by 40 feet, with a cupola over a vestibule 12 by 14 feet, which cost, including furnishings, $2,000. Rev. Bright also held a week's preaching services at Orion, twelve miles south of Campus, and organized a preaching point there which is now ready to be developed into a church. These two points have already united, and have just completed a neat parsonage of eight rooms, with five on the lower floor finished, costing, all told, $1,200, and further have pledged themselves to pay a salary of $700 and free use of the

parsonage, and have given a unanimous call to Rev. Bright, which he has accepted, beginning October 1. The charge applies for admission into the Kansas Synod. Rarely has such work been done so quickly and at so little expense to the Synod. The charge becomes self-sustaining from the start. At the dedication I pledged $50 in the name of the Church Extension Board and was ready to pledge a similar sum in the name of the Kansas Synod, but it was not needed. Doubtless there are other similar points in Western Kansas which should be looked after.

ALTARS INSTALLED.

During the year elegant altars have been put into the Emporia and Oklahoma City churches and duly set apart to the holy service of the sanctuary. It gives your President pleasure to note this respect for our beloved historic Lutheran Church in the introduction of new appointments.

THE GLASCO REQUEST.

After the adjournment of Synod last fall, I wrote to Rev. R. Schimmelpfenning, of Glasco, requesting a date when Rev. I. B. Heisey and myself might meet them to explain matters which the Synod felt they did not fully understand. Rev. Schimmelpfenning, although the letter was addressed to his Council, did not show it to them, but replied, declining to make such an engagement on the grounds that he and his church were virtually already in membership in the German Synod of Nebraska, because of the action of that Synod at its September convention, when, in a resolution, it maintained, "If Kansas Synod would not recognize the grounds upon which the Glasco church asked a letter, that said congregation be admitted anyway, and that the Secretary be empowered to enroll it." In view of this action Pastor Schimmelpfenning maintained Kansas Synod had no further relation to either him or his church. I then laid the matter before Rev. G. F. F. Müller, the President of the German Synod of Nebraska, and protested against their receiving the Glasco congregation and its pastor irregularly, and that it was contrary to the Government and Discipline of our Church, quoting Chapter X, sections 2, 3, and Chapter VIII, section 5. Rev. Müller replied that under the Discipline they could not and would not receive Pastor Schimmelpfenning and his congregation. When the minutes of German Synod of Nebraska arrived, I noticed that their action related only to the congregation and no mention was made of the pastor, although Pastor Schimmelpfenning wrote me that *it included both.* I then declined to issue the letters save as

directed by Kansas Synod. On the 2nd of October, 1907, they paid the final installment of the money specified, and a week later, after I had written twice for the reports, they sent in both a "Parochial" report and a "State of the Church" report, and so having complied finally with the specified requirements, I issued the letters on the 9th inst.

TREASURER'S BOND.

The Treasurer's bond having expired on the 20th of July, 1907, I had it renewed for another year. The bond is in the sum of $1,000 and is covered by the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company of Baltimore, Md., of which Mr. A. L. Selig, of Lawrence, Kan., is the agent. The bond costs $4.00 per year.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

The Abilene congregation has made a handsome addition to its church for the accommodation of its Sunday School. The structure is 37 by 56 feet, of pressed brick and stone trimmings. On the first floor is a vestibule entrance 15 by 16 feet, a primary room 16 by 19 feet and a main room 36 by 36 feet. In the basement is a large dining room and kitchen with concrete floor. The improvements with furnishings will cost over $8,000. It will soon be ready for occupancy.

The Scherer Memorial church at Chapman has spent $500 in improving and beautifying its property and contemplates further improvements during the coming year.

The Hays church has installed an excellent system of electric lights and built cement walks, at a cost of $350.

The First church of Kansas City, Mo., recently made improvements in the interior of their building, costing $500.

The basement of the Ottawa church was recently overhauled to make more room for the Primary Department of the Sunday School, at a cost of $600.

The Peabody church has adopted plans for a fine new stone structure, auditorium, Sunday School room, primary room, pastor's study and choir room, with a total seating capacity of over 600 and to cost $15,000.

The Salina church has installed a fine new furnace in the parsonage, decorated all of the ten rooms of the building, built a 100 barrell cistern, placed new windows in the lecture room and installed an electric motor for the operation of the pipe organ, costing all told nearly $500.

The St. Joseph church has instituted a movement through which it hopes to pay off its $3,000 debt by January 1, 1909.

The Wellington church has purchased new pews, installed natural gas for light and fuel in both church and parsonage, re-decorated the church, purchased a piano, and laid brick sidewalks, at an expense of over $500.

The Waterville congregation made much needed improvements to its property, costing $300.

The Whitewater church has laid new brick walks, re-decorated the church, installed a gasoline light plant, added eighty new hymnals, and paid off a debt on the parsonage, expending all told $600.

At Sedalia, Mo., a new furnace was installed and the debt reduced, representing an outlay of $200.

At Oklahoma City a new chancel and altar and cloths, two chancel tables, hymn board, an oil painting of the Ascension were placed and the interior of the church painted, at a cost of $275.

St. Mark's, Atchison. Basement improved and enlarged for Primary work and devotional and social meetings, new walk, etc., at a cost of about $700.

Improvements St. Mark's, Emporia. A new roof was put on the church, the exterior wood work painted, the chancel rebuilt and an altar, baptismal font and number board put in and other improvements made, amounting in all to $800.

VACANCIES AND SUPPLIES.

We entered upon our duties one year ago with a frightful list of vacancies, to fill which with a marked scarcity of ministers in the Church at large tasked our ingenuity to the utmost. The vacancies at Emporia, Beloit, Bunker Hill, Oklahoma City, Kansas City First Church, Valley Falls, Effingham, Eureka, Topeka and Perth have been very satisfactorily filled with a splendid force of competent men. Supplies were secured at Kansas City, First Church, in the person of Rev. M. J. Firey, D.D.; at Topeka, where during a vacancy of eight months not a Sunday went by without a supply; and at Campus your President and several of the Western brethren contributed services, and New Cambria was supplied for over a month by your President. New Cambria is now ready to call a pastor and offers $650 and parsonage. Whitewater became vacant on the 1st instant. These are the only vacancies which are able to support a pastor.

THE MANCHESTER CHURCH.

During the year Mr. Theo. Bender, the only remaining trustee of St. James' Church, at Manchester, called on me, stating that but three or four families remained in Manchester and some of those were about to move away, and they desired to dispose of their property and disband. The time seemed seasonable, as a Methodist Church desired to purchase the property. I advised the Church to deed the property to the Board of Church Extension with instructions that the proceeds be applied to mission work on Kansas Synod territory. After a visit from Dr. Yarger to verify these developments, this was done last May.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

A careful study of the reports on the State of the Church indicate a prosperous and healthy condition. I make a few specifications to illustrate this:

Two-thirds of our pastors report the attendance on the stated services as growing, while one-third report it as stationary.

Of our pastorates, six out of every seven report faithfulness in the use of the public means of grace; on the other hand, in special seasons of religious awakenings, the very opposite proportion is reported.

Practically every pastorate reported parents as faithful in presenting their children for Baptism.

In the matter of family worship and religious instruction in the household, nearly all of the pastors reported a sad neglect.

All of our charges save one keep the Sunday School in operation all the year through, and every one of them use Lutheran lesson helps, and in all of the charges save two the catechism is regularly taught.

All of our pastorates contribute to all of the Boards of the Church by and through an established plan, save two, and six out of every seven report a manifest growth in the spirit of benevolence.

In twenty-two charges there are missionary organizations, while in twelve there are none.

As a rule all report the church officers as reasonably diligent in the performance of their duties, and this possibly accounts for the remarkable report from all of the pastorates to the effect that the pastor's salary is paid promptly.

MEMORIAL TO MIDLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

As per the instruction of the Synod, I attended the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Midland College in May, and presented your memorial petitioning for an increase in the representation of this Synod on the Board of Trustees, giving the reasons therefor. I was received with courtesy and attention. The memorial was referred to a committee composed of Dr. J. M. Cromer, Rev. J. F. Seibert and Mr. H. W. McAfee, who were instructed to give due notice to Board for the changing of its constitution allowing such addition in our representation, provided in the judgment of the committee this change should be effected, so that action can be legally taken at the next annual meeting of the Board.

APPOINTMENT ON EXAMINING BOARD.

Dr. Ziegler having removed from the bounds of Synod, thus making a vacancy on the Board of Examiners, I appointed Rev. G. S. Murphy to take his place.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That arrangements be made for the celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of Kansas Synod at the 1908 convention of this Synod.

2. That a revised blank on "The State of the Church" be issued and printed on one side of the paper only, and that hereafter these reports be posted in a conspicuous place for the inspection of Synod. (The President submits herewith such a blank.)

NEW BLANK FOR REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

(Make statements concise, giving facts rather than reflections.)

I. Public Worship.

1. Name of the Pastorate .....
2. If the charge has been vacant state how long?
3. Has the attendance been diminishing, stationary, or growing?
4. Do the members faithfully use the means of grace?
5. In what proportion do the children and youth attend?
6. What percentage of the attendance is made up of non-professors?
7. Has there been any special religious awakening, and if so, indicate the results?

II. Prayer Services.

8. How many prayer services are held each week?
9. What percentage of the membership attend each?

III. Family Religion.

10. Are Christian parents faithful in presenting their children for baptism?
11. Are the children faithfully taught the catechism?
12. Are family worship and religious instruction observed in the households of your charge?
13. Are these duties faithfully urged upon the people in public and private ministrations?

IV. Sunday-schools.

14. Are your schools open the entire year? If not, why not?
15. What proportion of the church membership attend the S. S.?
16. Do the S. S. children remain for the church service, and if not, why?
17. What proportion of the children of the church fail to attend the S. S.?
18. What per cent. of scholars do you have from families not professedly religious?
19. What lesson helps do you use?
20. Does your school co-operate in missionary work, and if so by what means?

V. Benevolence.

21. Have you any definite and established plan for the raising of the Synodical Benevolence?
22. Have you raised your full apportionment this year, and if not, why?
23. How many times during the year have you preached on missions?
24. What missionary organizations do you have and what percentage of the membership are directly interested?

VI. Miscellaneous.

25. Are the church officials diligent in their duties?
26. How much debt have you and how long has it stood unpaid?
27. Is the pastor's salary paid promptly?
28. What aid from the Mission Boards have you received during the year?
29. What is the least amount you will need during the coming year?
30. Give nature and cost of improvements made during the year, and any other facts of special interest.

3. That steps be taken at this Synod looking toward the establishing of several new missions on our territory, that a sum of money much larger than usual be pledged to this end, and that the chairman of the Advisory Board of Home Missions be directed to raise the necessary funds on the floor of the Synod and among the laymen of the church after adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. Ott, *President.*

Report referred to a committee.

The Treasurer submitted his report. (See Appendix A.) Report was referred to a committee with power of adjusting.

Rev. J. D. Smith, of the M. E. Church, presented greetings from the Ottawa Ministerial Association.

Hours of meeting and adjournment—9 A. M. to 11:30 A. M., 2 P. M. to 4:30 P. M. Evening sessions, 8 P. M.

Election of Officers.

Tellers—Rev. A. M. Reitzel, Rev. J. M. Barnes and Mr. B. D. Zimmerman.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D.
Treasurer—J. E. Tressler, M.D.
Secretary—Rev. S. M. Lesher.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Dr. J. E. Tressler.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Barnes.

Roll called.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion Rev. L. P. Ludden, D.D., and Rev. M. J. Kline, D.D., were received as advisory members.

Report of committee to codify the laws of the Kansas Synod referred back to committee.

On motion the President appointed Revs. R. B. Wolf and E. E. Stauffer as additional members of committee.

Appointment of Committees.

The President read the list of committees.

Committees Appointed.

President's Report—Rev. A. E. Renn, Rev. C. W. Sifferd, Mr. John T. Lesher.

Auditing Committee—J. E. Tressler, M.D., Mr. L. T. Bang, Mr. John A. Weibel.

Absentees and Excuses—Rev. I. B. Heisey, Rev. Edward Bollman, Mr. H. C. Bennetzen.

Apportionment—Rev. E. E. Stauffer, Rev. I. B. Heisey, Rev. G. G. Clark.

Correspondence—Rev. Chas. F. Wiest, Rev. J. B. Grove, Mr. A. Herning.

Synodical Calendar—Rev. Geo. S. Murphy, Rev. O. Mac-Williams, Rev. Chas. F. Wiest.

Literary and Theological Institutions—Rev. J. C. Schindel, Rev. F. S. Delo, Mr. C. W. Horn.

Minutes of Conference—Rev. A. M. Reitzel, Rev. J. H. Utesch, Mr. W. Biggerstaff.

Resolutions—Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, Rev. R. B. Wolf, Mr. J. W. Kraft.

Vacant Congregations—Rev. A. B. Shrader, Rev. B. F. Pugh, Mr. R. M. Ladwig.

Claims—Rev. B. R. Lantz, Rev. G. G. Clark, Mr. G. B. Hanstine.

Temperance—Rev. J. M. Cromer, D.D., Rev. John A. Bright, Rev. W. W. Horn.

Admission of New Churches—Rev. F. D. Altman, D.D., Rev. M. J. Firey, D.D., Mr. C. F. Burk.

Representative to the W. H. and F. M. S.—Rev. George Beiswanger.

On motion the Revs. J. H. Utesch and W. W. Horn were given the privileges of the Synod, although their letters had not been received.

Report of the Committee on Endowment of Midland College Library.

The $15,000 required by Andrew Carnegie as endowment for the College Library is now in hand so far as pledges and subscriptions are concerned, but is not yet collected in sufficient sum for him to turn over the promised $15,000 for the building.

The Kansas Synod should see the necessity of paying its portions promptly, as agreed. Our Synod has obligated itself to raise $1500 of the $15,000 necessary to make good Mr. Carnegie's offer. This amount is to be raised by an apportionment of 10 cents per member annually until the entire amount is paid into the college treasury.

The apportionment the past year was $342.30, and the receipts were $229.54, which is but 67 per cent. of the apportionment. The understanding is that the amount of $1500 is to be raised within five years.

Your committee suggests that following the good example of the Rocky Mountain and Nebraska Synods, this Synod execute a note like the following, signed by the officers of Synod:

$1,500. ATCHISON, KANSAS, Oct. 1, 1906.

On or before five (5) years after date, the undersigned, *The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas*, promises to pay to "The Library Fund of Midland College of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States of America," located at Atchison, Kansas, the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred ($1,500) Dollars.

This note is executed by virtue of a resolution passed by said Synod and spread upon its minutes at the annual meeting of 1906, and it is understood that the signers execute this note in their official capacity, on behalf of the above named maker.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS.

....., *President.*
....., *Secretary.*
....., *Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted,
FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
E. E. STAUFFER.

Report adopted.

Report of Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools and Young Peoples' Societies submit the following report:

Of the 38 schools in the Synod only 29 reported. In these are 454 officers and teachers and a total enrollment of 1952. The Home Department is sustained in 9 schools, with an enrollment of 303. Four schools have teachers' meetings. Two schools observed Decision Day and seven observed Rally Day; 130 Sunday-school scholars joined the church during the year. An average of 37 per cent. of the church members attend Sunday-school.

There were 19 young Peoples' Societies reported. Of these 12 are Y. P. S. C. E. with 303 members. Seven are Luther Leagues, with 167 members. Twelve of these societies contributed to missions.

We make no recommendation, but call attention to the percentage of church members attending Sunday-school. The highest per cent. reported is 90; the lowest 10.

Respectfully submitted,
A. M. REITZEL,
JOHN A. BRIGHT,
FRANK S. DELO,

Adopted.

The hour of 10.30 on Thursday was set to hear Dr. M. J. Kline on Foreign Missions.

On motion it was decided to hear Dr. L. P. Ludden immediately after the report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

It was decided to hear the representative of the Board of Education immediately after the presentation of report of the Committee on Endowment of the President's Chair of the Western Theological Seminary.

Report of the Committee on Endowment of the President's Chair of the Western Theological Seminary.

The first annual installment of the Synod's pledge of $1500 on the endowment of the President's Chair was $166.30, which was but 66⅔ per cent. of the apportionment, $429.90.

The second annual installment (the past year's payment) has been $204.48, which is 85 per cent. of the apportionment, $239.61.

Evidently the churches must pay the apportionment in full or the Synod will fail to meet this obligation of $1500 in five years as agreed.

The permanent location of the Seminary being unsettled, the endowment fund has made little progress the past year. With the settlement of the quesion probably in the coming January the work on the endowment will be resumed with renewed vigor.

It may be foreign to the real purpose of this report, yet your committee ventures to suggest that this Synod give a formal and emphatic expression of its will concerning the permanent location of the Seminary, to the end that the work of the institution be no longer retarded by unnecessary debate.

Respectfully submitted,

FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
E. E. STAUFFER.

Report adopted.

Dr. F. D. Altman was heard in behalf of the Board of Education and the Western Theological Seminary.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Meeting.

Your committee reports as follows: On page 14, Notice of Proposed Constitutional Amendment, to be acted on at this meeting of Synod. Referred to Rev. A. B. Shrader.

On page 20, A Memorial to Board of Trustees of Midland College to be presented by president of Synod. Has this been done, and with what results? It was done. Matter referred to committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of College.

Page 22, referring to Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions. What has been done in reference to our "excellent opportunities for new work?" What of the McPherson field? The Advisory Board of Home Missions will report on this matter.

Page 23, Have all pledges for Synodical Home Missions been met? Not all.

Page 26, Did the St. Paul's congregation of New Cambria charge comply with the request of Synod? Yes.

Page 32, Has the spirit of the resolution as to individual contributions to funds of Synod been complied with? In part.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. LESHER.

Report adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. G. Clark.

EVENING SESSION.

Memorial Services of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Addresses were made by Mrs. Helen C. Beegle and Miss Ellen B. Schuff.

Offering for the W. H. and F. M. Society treasury.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 9 o'clock.

Rev. John A. Bright led a half hour's devotional service. Synod opened with prayer by G. B. Hanstine.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Report of the Trustees of Synod.

The Board of Trustees qualified and met on the 20th of October, 1906, in Topeka, Kans., and in accordance with the instructions of the Synod directed the President to take out new incorporation papers running for ninety-nine years, as soon as the old charter had expired.

On the 17th of November, 1906, Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D., Rev. J. B. McAfee, D.D., Mr. C. W. Horn, Mr. J. B. Wherfel, and Mr. H. G. Licht, members of the First Church at Topeka, filed with the Secretary of State, Shawnee county, an application for a charter. This document was duly issued on the 30th of November, and is as follows:

STATE OF KANSAS, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, J. R. Burrow, Secretary of State of Kansas, do hereby certify, that the following and annexed is a true and complete copy of the Charter of THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS, filed for record in this office November 30th, 1906.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal. Done at Topeka, Kansas, this 30th day of November, A. D., 1906.

(Signed) J. R. BURROW.

"The undersigned, citizens of the State of Kansas, do hereby associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a private corporation under the laws of the State of Kansas, and do hereby certify,

FIRST.

That the name of this corporation shall be the Lutheran Synod of Kansas.

SECOND.

That the purposes for which this corporation is formed are to promote the worship of Almighty God under the Formula for the Government and Discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as adopted by THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; to discharge all functions arising under the rules and regulations of said church in Kansas by taking, holding, and disposing of such property, personal and real, as it may acquire by gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise.

THIRD.

That the places where its business is to be transacted are at Topeka and the places where said Synod meets in Annual Convention, and other places arranged for by its Board of Trustees.

FOURTH.

That the term for which this corporation is to exist is Ninety-nine years.

FIFTH.

That the number of Trustees of this corporation shall be five and the names and residences of those who are appointed for the first year are:

H. A. Ott, Topeka, Kansas.
J. J. Chambers, Perth, Kansas.
F. D. Altman, Atchison, Kansas.
A. T. Olson, Lawrence, Kansas.
J. H. Berlin, Atchison, Kansas.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto subscribed our names, this 17th day of November, A. D., 1906.

H. A. OTT,
J. B. McAFEE,
C. W. HORN,
J. B. WHERFEL,
H. G. LICHT.

STATE OF KANSAS, } ss.
SHAWNEE COUNTY }

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for Shawnee County, Kansas, the above-named H. A. Ott, J. B. McAfee, C. W. Horn, J. B. Wherfel, and H. G. Licht, who are personally known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument of writing, and duly acknowledge the execution of the same.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal, this 17th day of November, A. D., 1906.

ELIAS SHULL,
Notary Public.

During the year the bond of the Treasurer of the Synod having expired, it was renewed in the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company of Baltimore, Md., of which Mr. A. L. Selig, of Lawrence, is the agent.

Your Trustees recommend that a short series of By-Laws be adopted for the government of the Trustees in the management of the secular affairs of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. OTT,
F. D. ALTMAN.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Admission of New Churches.

Your committee has received an application from the Church at Campus, Kansas, through its pastor, Rev. John A. Bright, for admission to membership in this Synod. We have been assured by the President of Synod and the pastor that the congregation was organized during the year with 38 charter members and has adopted a Constitution prepared by our Board of Home Missions and approved by the General Synod. Also that at a congregational meeting the members decided to apply to this body for admission.

Your committee recommends the reception of this church to membership in this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. ALTMAN,
M. J. FIREY,
C. F. BURK,

Report adopted.

Report of Trustees of Midland College.

Your Trustees would report that our institution closed a very successful year last June. The total enrollment of students reached 205. and 30 were graduated from all departments, eight of these received degrees of graduation from the college courses. Financially, the college was in excellent shape at the close of the year.

Three vacancies which occurred in the teaching force were filled by securing Miss Martin, of Atchison, as instructor in the academy; Miss McAfee, of Topeka, as instructor in voice; and Miss Murray, of Ohio, as instructor in public speaking. By action of the Trustees last June this work was made a fixed feature of the English department, and now students of both college and academy may take training in public speaking without extra cost in tuition. A biological labratory has been fitted up in connection with the chemical and physical labratories which makes work along this line more practical. A new bench lantern has been added, and Prof. Crouse has done much personal work to make the scientific department as complete as possible. Prof. Anderson is now using a fine new set of surveyor's instruments which have lately been secured.

General improvements have been made about the buildings and grounds. A water supply has been provided and toilet and laundry conveniences installed for Oak Hall. The installation of natural gas for the heating of the plant and for laboratory work has been the most marked improvement of the year.

The fall term opened with a larger enrollment than last year and the president reports the Freshman Class as one of the largest in the history of the institution.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of every pastor of the Kansas Synod to look out for faithful young men, direct their minds to the Gospel ministry, and send them to Midland College for their training.

2. *Resolved*, That we co-operate in every way possible to increase the enrollment of students, the endowment fund, and in general to strengthen our institution.

3. *Resolved*, That we favor the employment of a financial secretary and solicitor for the college.

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. HEISEY.

Report considered item by item.

Report adopted.

Special Order.—Dr. M. J. Kline spoke on the work of the Board of Foreign Missions.

On motion the Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions was made the special order for this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Resolution on the Permanent Location of the Western Theological Seminary.

The question of the permanent location of the Western Theological Seminary is now before the Board of Education for decision at its next meeting in January, 1908. Other Synods within the territory of the institution have expressed their views upon the matter in formal communication to the Board.

Inasmuch as the Western Theological Seminary is now located upon our Synodical territory, at Atchison, and in connection with Midland College, where the interests of the Seminary are fully served, and inasmuch as the seat of the institution geographically is quite centrally located with respect to our western fields, therefore,

Resolved, That it is the judgment of the Kansas Synod, in regular session at Ottawa, that the Western Theological Seminary should be permanently located at Atchison, Kansas, where the interests of economy and efficiency require the location and centralization of the Western educational work of the Church.

And *Resolved*, further, That this action be at once brought to the attention of the Board of Education.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

I. We find that the President has performed the duties of his office regularly and faithfully, and we recommend that his work be confirmed.

II. In harmony with his first recommendation we recommend that the calendar committee arrange for a proper commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of this Synod at the next convention in 1908.

III. That the Synod adopt his second recommendation concerning the reports on the State of the Church and the blank forms submitted for the same.

IV. That the President's recommendation about the advance movement in Home Mission work on the territory of the Synod be referred to the advisory Board of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. RENN,
C. W. SIFFERD.

Considered item by item.
Report adopted.

Report of Nachusa Orphanage.

CONDITION OF THE HOME.

We have at present as our wards twelve boys and nine girls from the following Synods:

Southern Illinois, eleven.
Northern Illinois, five.
Iowa, four.
Wartburg, one.

Three of our boys and one girl are full orphans, eight boys and three girls have mothers living; three girls and one boy, a father.

Health. The health of our large family has been good, notwithstanding our crowded condition, for through the winter we housed twenty-nine human beings under one roof.

School. Arrangement was made last year for the instruction of our children in the village school and similar terms have been agreed upon for the coming year. Under the painstaking labors of the teacher, the children made satisfactory progress.

Religion. Careful attention is paid to the religious training of the children. Four of our boys and two girls united with the church last Easter.

Admissions. In the year past four children have been received.

Dismissions. One of our girls having reached the age limit and four other children, all at the request of their mothers, have been dismissed.

The Farm. Five hundred and seventy-nine bushels of corn and three fat hogs have been sold. This season some land nearby was rented and planted in oats and corn.

Expenditures. It is the policy of the institution to keep down expenses as low as possible without neglecting any interest of the children.

Many families of but few members expend annually more money than is required to support our large household.

Prospects. Some cash donations have recently been made. Many expressions of interest are given by friends everywhere and we have assurance that the orphanage is remembered in wills.

Needs. We need an addition to our present building and must have it this coming year.

It would be positively wicked, and presuming upon the care of providence, to receive any more little ones before we get more room.

Pastors, tell the story to your people. Brethren, heed the cry of the orphan.

G. B. HANSTINE, *Trustee.*

This report was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. W. Horn.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 17, 2 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by Mr. C. W. Horn.

Roll call. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Report of Committee on Conference.

Your Committee submits the following report:

There are at present two Conference Districts in the Synod: The Eastern and the Southwest. Both Conferences held conventions. The Southwest, at Salina, June 18-20, 1907. An interesting program was rendered, with subjects on the Church, Sunday-school and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Geo. S. Murphy; Secretary, Rev. G. G. Clark; Treasurer, Rev. C. F. Weist. The next meeting of this conference will be held in Oklahoma City.

The Eastern Conference held its session in the Children's Memorial Church, Kansas City, Mo., April 29-May 1, 1907.

A varied program was rendered and a resolution was adopted declaring it the sense of the Conference that one or more new points should be taken up in the immediate future, as Kansas Synodical Missions, recommending such action to the Advisory Board, and promising the active co-operation of the members of Conference.

A resolution was adopted memorializing the General Synod in the interest of the New York movement for a half day each week for religious instruction on the part of the respective pastors.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Rev. B. F. Lantz; Secretary, Rev. A. E. Renn; Treasurer, Rev. B. F. Pugh.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. REITZEL,
JOHN H. UTESCH,
W. McD. BIGGERSTAFF,

Report adopted.

Representative of the Woman's H. and F. M. Society, Mrs. M. F. Troxell, extended greetings from that body.

Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, the Traveling Secretary of the General W. H. and F. M. Society, was received and spoke briefly on the work of the Woman's Society.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

Your committee would recommend the following per capita apportionment:

General Synod	.02
Synodical Treasury	.06
Home Missions	.30
Foreign Missions	.25
Church Extension	.20
Board of Education	.20
Ministerial Education	.10
Pastors' Fund	.07
Orphans' Home	.05
Deaconess Board	.08
Home for the Aged	.05
Western Seminary Endowment	07
Midland College Library Endowment	.10
Tabitha Home	.02
Total	$1.57

Respectfully submitted.

E. E. STAUFFER,
I. B. HEISEY,
G. G. CLARK,

Report adopted.

Special Order.—

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

During the past synodical year the following congregations have been receiving assistance from the Board of Home Missions: Bunker Hill, Effingham, Garnett, Hutchinson, Kansas City, Kans.; Kansas City, Mo.; Oklahoma City, Ottawa, St. Joseph, Sedalia, Wellington, Whitewater.

A brief resume of the situation in these several charges is as follows:

Bunker Hill.—Has not shown any decided progress during the year past. The Excelsior congregation is doing a good work and now furnishes half the pastor's support, and it is hoped that Mt. Zion can be developed during the year to do their part and release the Board. They ask for $100.00 for another year.

Effingham.—Became vacant in April and remained vacant until July 1, when the Rev. E. Bollman took charge. The report at present indicates some encouraging features, and yet, due to the vacancy of several months and the recent division of the charge, as it formerly was composed, the congregation asks for the same assistance to be continued.

Garnett.—A Sunday School has been organized in this church during the year and five added to the church membership. They ask for the same amount as last year.

Hutchinson.—Shows an increase in membership during the year of 20 per cent. The Sunday School is constantly growing and the interest in general is hopeful. There are good prospects for the future, but nevertheless the situation at Hutchinson, due to the rapid growth of the city and the influx of new people and removal of others, may be characterized as critical. The hopefulness of the pastor may be seen in the fact that Hutchinson asks for $25 less than last year, notwithstanding a heavy burden imposed by the paving of the street on which the church stands.

Kansas City, Kan.—This mission is making slow but substantial progress. There has been a net increase of 13 in the church membership and 15 in the Sunday School enrollment. A Missionary Society has been substantially developed. The same aid will be needed as last year.

St. Joseph, Mo.—This field is now entitled to a position on the honor roll of the former missions of this Synod, having become self-supporting November 1, 1906. The pastor and congregation are to be congratulated upon the attainment of this desired end.

Sedalia.—Situation at Sedalia practically unchanged. Removals and accessions about balance. Attendance and interest varying. No change can be made in aid asked until an interest bearing debt is discharged, to accomplish which the congregation is bending every effort.

Wellington.—Has been doing excellent work during the year. The congregation reports a net increase in membership of 18. Improvements have been made on the church property and parsonage, costing $800, which is all paid and provided for. They promise to ask for a reduction in their appropriation from the Board of Home Missions next year.

Kansas City, Mo.—The most encouraging word from this field is the fact that the congregation has decided to re-locate the church, getting away from the downtown district and settling in a more favorable suburban location. This move will mean much in inspiring new hope. Due to this contemplated move, the congregation asks for the same aid for the coming year.

Oklahoma City.—Rev. George Beiswanger took charge of this mission February 1, 1907. He reports an addition of thirty to the Sunday School, seventeen have been received into church fellowship, a substantial increase has been made in the contributions, both for benevolence and for the home work, and the prospect is hopeful. No aid will be asked from this Synod for the coming year, but the congregation will require the same amount as last year from the Board of Home Missions.

Ottawa.—Everything favorable so far as attendance and interest is concerned. Every department of the work has been advancing. The only discouraging feature during the past year is the fact of a number of removals, causing heavy financial loss, temporarily. Were it not for this loss, Ottawa could get along with less help, but must ask for the same amount.

Whitewater.—Rev. Shirck resigned October 1st, 1907. During the year the work was encouraging and it is unfortunate that this field became vacant at this time. At the present time the congregation is hopeful of securing a pastor soon. But the continued aid of the Board is necessary at least for another year, dating from the time a pastor takes charge.

During the year the congregations have paid on apportionment for Home Missions the sum of $870.70, which shows a deficit of $128.30. Besides this $181.34 were contributed to Synodical Home Missions.

NEW WORK.

Opportunity to secure one of the Midland theological students, Mr. F. V. Christ, in July, led the committee to send him to McPherson, to canvass the place. Mr. Christ spent nearly a week there and then gave it up, reporting the opposition from the Swedish people too strong to insure success. The opportunity at McPherson seemed very ripe, as a centrally located M. E. church building was available either to rent or to purchase. Your committee has not given up the hope of locating, some day, an English church of our faith in this center of Swedish Lutherans, of whom there are eight or ten thousand in the county. The greatest obstacle in McPherson is the large number of English-speaking churches there. The grievous thing about it is the fact of other denominations feeding off of our Lutheran heritage. Your committee recommends:

1. That we urge the Home Missions on the territory to apply next year for smaller amounts, aiming to decrease steadily the aid desired and to reach the position of self-support at the earliest day possible.

2. We recommend that the Board of Home Missions be urged to appropriate to the missions on this territory the sums received by them last year.

3. That in addition to the above we endorse the application of Norcatur-Long Island, for the sum of $100.

4. That the Board be authorized to proceed at once to make a canvass of Pittsburg, Kansas, and if the field is found to be ready for our work, they are to co-operate with the Board of Home Missions in securing a pastor and they are authorized to promise $200 towards the support of the work for the first year.

GEO. S. MURPHY,
H. A. OTT,
I. B. HEISEY,

Report considered item by item.

Report adopted.

Dr. L. P. Ludden was heard in the interest of the Board of Home Missions.

A Resolution Concerning the Half Hour's Devotion.

Resolved, That in order to put new meaning into the half-hour of devotion preceding the morning sessions of Synod, in order to add the element of freshness, as well as intellectual profit; in order to deepen the heart intrest and derive additional spiritual uplift, this Synod orders that a leader be appointed a year in advance whose duty shall be to conduct the morning devotions of the Synod, using such exegesis and original methods as shall improve the half hour's service.

Resolution adopted.

Brother Jesse W. Schwartz addressed Synod on the "Laymen's Movement."

On motion the Secretary was instructed to provide 5000 Blue Excess Envelopes for such pastors as ask for them.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. H. Utesch.

EVENING SESSION.

An address was delivered by the Rev. B. R. Lantz, of St. Joseph, Mo., on Ministerial Education and Leadership.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 9 A. M.

A half hour's devotion was conducted by G. B. Hanstine.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. H. A. Koogle.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved as corrected.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your committee reports as follows:

Two applicants, Mr. Paul Mennenoeh and Mr. Paul H. Heisey, desire the full appropriation for this year; the former is now a

Senior in Midland College, the second in the Junior year of the Seminary.

1. We recommend that these two young men be granted $125 each for this year.

2. We recommend that Mr. Herman Psicholz, a Freshman in College, be granted the sum of $25 for this year.

3. We recommend that $25 be granted to Mr. Gerhart Kreuger for the year.

4. We recommend that the apportionment for this object remain at ten cents per member.

Respectfully,

H. L. YARGER,
A. B. SHRADER,
R. M. LADWIG.

Report adopted.

Report of Historical Committee.

Your committee take pleasure in presenting to this session of Kansas Synod the completed "History of Kansas Synod, together with brief presentation of other Lutheran bodies in Kansas." The editorial work was done by the chairman of the committee, who has devoted a large part of his leisure hours during the past two years to this work. No labor or effort has been spared to make the work thorough and complete. The manuscript was reviewed by two members of the committee before publication, and the completed work we believe will be satisfactory, considering the brief limits into which it had to be condensed, owing to the financial risk involved in its publication. The committee decided that 300 brevier pages was the justified limit as to size. In order to bring the volume down to this limit the editor has writen the work over three times until it was condensed sufficiently to put it to press. Bids for the publication were received on certain specifications, as follows:

Lutheran Publication Society, 250 pp, brevier, 1,000 copies	$ 626.75
German Literary Board, 250 pages, brevier, 750 copies	565.00
Steves and Sons, Topeka, Kan., 300 pp, brevier, 750 copies	442 50

The latter bid was accepted. The securing of half-tone cuts was so managed by the editor that no expense was incurred to the committee, the cuts made at the committee's expense being born by a small profit made on the hundred odd cuts made. The entire cost of the book is as follows:

Steves and Sons, bill as per bid, 310 pp	$ 442.50
Cost of reprinting one form	14.00
Etching nine pages parochial tables	11.85
Total	$ 468.35

As the terms of publication involved a cash transaction, the amount of the same, $468.35, has been advanced by the committee, who now look to Kansas Synod to sell the books and re-imburse them. In justification of the large space given to the Augustana Synod, the committee wish to state that that Synod agrees to take at least 100 volumes.

Your committee recommend that the books be delivered to each charge at the rate of one volume to every eight communicants, and that each pastor institute a movement at once to effect the sale of his quota at least, at $1.00 per copy.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. OTT,
R. B. WOLF,
E. E. STAUFFER.

Report adopted.

Moved that Rev. J. M. Cromer, D.D., be instructed to write Rev. J. B. McAfee, D.D., and Brother J. H. Berlin, expressing to these brethren the sympathy of the Synod in their affliction.

On motion Dr. Holmes Dysinger was made an advisory member of Synod.

Reporters to church papers were appointed:

Observer, E. E. Stauffer.
Evangelist, I. B. Heisey.
World, George Beiswanger.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Satisfactory excuses have been received from Revs. Samuel Palmer, Henry Zimmerman, M. F. Rinker, J. N. Zimmer, A. B. Kirtland, S. Henry, H. L. Yarger, D.D., D. Scholl and J. F. Cressler.

The committee has excused the following from part of the time of this convention: Revs. A. M. Reitzel, John H. Utesch, W. W. Horn, J. Howard Stough, Ph.D., M. J. Firey, D.D., and Messrs. Louis Bang, G. W. Kraft and Wm. Vaubel.

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. HEISEY,
A. C. BENNETZEN.

Report adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The undersigned take pleasure in saying that they have gone over the absent Treasurer's Report, submitted by his substitute, Brother A. Herning, and found the vouchers and cash to correspond correctly with the statements of his report. The books and records have been painstakingly kept, and the thanks of the Synod are due the retiring treasurer for his faithful and laborious labor of love.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. TRESSLER,
LOUIS BANG,
JOHN A. WIBLE,

Report adopted.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to purchase a new Treasurer's book.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

It is with genuine thanksgiving to Almighty God, that He has permitted us to see the day when the gigantic evil of Intemperance has been made to yield obedience to the laws of the land in such large measure. Among the good things that have been brought to pass by the spirit of law-enforcement which has sprung up so spontaneously all over our land, is the great progress made throughout the country in driving out the saloon. This hydra-headed monster which has laughed at our laws and openly defied the will of the people with respect to its business, has at last been made to confess to superior power and authority.

The Prohibition movement, the Anti-saloon League, W. C. T. U., and local option agitation have routed the enemy from its stronghold and today he is on the run. We firmly believe that Prohibition will soon be the law of the land, and for this grand consummation the Christian Church should devoutly pray and persistently labor in every way consistent with her divine mission.

Hear the glad story in the most wonderful statistics that have ever been printed:

ALABAMA.—Majority of counties dry.
ARKANSAS.—Sixty out of seventy-five counties dry.
COLORADO.—Local option passed.
DELAWARE.—State anti-license campaign on.
FLORIDA.—Thirty out of forty-five counties dry. Prohibition soon.
GEORGIA.—Prohibition.
ILLINOIS.—Local option.

IOWA.—Sixty-five out of ninety-nine counties dry. Prohibition movement renewed.
KANSAS.—Prohibition with revival in law enforcement.
KENTUCKY.—Ninety-seven out of one hundred and nineteen counties dry.
LOUISIANA.—Seven-eighths dry.
MARYLAND.—Fourteen out of twenty-three counties dry.
MASSACHUSETTS.—Two-thirds dry. Local option in cities and towns.
MICHIGAN.—Village local option.
MISSISSIPPI.—Sixty-eight out of seventy-five counties dry.
MISSOURI.—Over half of the counties dry.
NEBRASKA.—City local option; 400 towns dry—600 wet.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Nominally prohibition.
NEW JERSEY.—Local option.
NEW YORK.—Town and township local option.
NORTH CAROLINA.—Few saloons—Governor leading fight for State prohibition.
OHIO.—1,140 townships dry—246 wet.
OREGON.—12 dry counties—170 dry towns in other counties.
OKLAHOMA.—Prohibition by large majority.
RHODE ISLAND.—About half dry.
SOUTH CAROLINA.—Local option—movement for State prohibition.
SOUTH DAKOTA.—Large sections dry.
TENNESSEE.—Saloons in only three municipalities in the State and prohibition soon.
TEXAS.—Two-thirds dry and prohibition campaign on.
VERMONT.—Every county majority against license. Prohibition soon.
VIRGINIA.—Much dry territory.
WASHINGTON.—Fifty dry towns.
WISCONSIN.—Local option; 650 dry townships.

We desire to record our appreciation of the heroic and magnificent work accomplished by Assistant Attorney General C. W. Trickett in Wyandotte county in our State. Almost single-handed and alone he has closed every joint and gambling den in Kansas City, Kansas. We also recognize the splendid leadership of our Brother Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, in the great victory for prohibition in Oklahoma.

The local option movement, in which the Anti-Saloon League is working so hard, is a sure forerunner of prohibition. When the majority of counties in any State go dry the State will soon go prohibition.

The Church can join most heartily in this movement without getting entangled in politics. Christian pulpits and Christian pews should labor in every possible way for the enforcement of laws, and for the enactment of better laws. The inalienable rights of a free

people demand that they shall have the opportunity of saying whether they want the saloon or not, and when the people have spoken by their ballots, then the officers must carry out their will.

We believe that in this way the whole country can be brought under the law of prohibition, without the necessity of special political partisan organization. And when prohibition comes through local option then it will be enforced.

We thank God for these glorious signs of the times, and pray that the time may soon come when this great evil along with all others may be banished from the earth, and thus hasten the coming of the King.

J. M. CROMER.
JOHN A. BRIGHT.

Report adopted.

Report of the Delegates to General Synod.

A full delegation from the Kansas Synod gathered with their brethren in the Lord in Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sunbury, Penna., for the forty-third convention of the General Synod. A truly Christian spirit prevailed among the representatives of the Church assembled in council. We beheld how sweet and how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity and concord.

Praise waited for God in Zion that he had wrought glorious things in his Church through his servants. The rich fruitage of the past two years created a hopeful optimism that larger golden hearvests shall be won in the future.

A survey of the minutes of the Kansas Synod for the past decade reveals that your delegates to the various conventions of the Church reported each General Synod better than the one preceding. Our report today is in harmony with this sentiment. By common consent the General Synod reached "high water mark" at this convention. For this we thank God and take courage. It is as it should be. Eeach bi-ennium should witness more souls born into the kingdom; God's stewards in our Lutheran Zion should lay riches and larger gifts upon the altar and the Church should plan with increasing faith to enlarge the place of its tent, stretch forth the curtains of its habitation, lenghen its cords and strengthen its stakes.

Only one incident occurred to cast gloom over the Synod. Rev. I. H. McGann, D.D., of Lewisburg, Penna., a member of the Susquehanna delegation, was stricken down with apoplexy on Monday afternoon, May 26. Kind hands ministered tenderly to the beloved brother, but death came a few hours later. The faithful servant of God, a

man full of faith and the Holy Ghost, mighty in works, was called from the Church militant to the Church triumphant.

We submit a few items of special interest.

1. The Kansas Synod is very much interested in the location of the Western Theological Seminary. Authority was given to the Board of Education to select a permanent site and erect a permanent building for said Seminary at the earliest possible date.

2. The apportionment of the Board of Education has been increased from 12 to 20 cents. This increase was authorized so that annual grants of money might be made to Pennsylvania College, Wittenberg College, Susquehanna University and Watts' Memorial College. We are pleased to inform the Synod that $1,509 was voted for the Library Endowment Fund of Midland College.

The Board of Education was authorized to make an annual appropriation of $2,000 to Breklum Institute, in Germany. A recommendation is made to the District Synods to support students at Breklum. Such students after completing the course in the Fatherland will be assigned to the seminary selected by the supporting District Synod.

3. The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was very inspiring. Perhaps the item of the report which elicited the greatest rejoicing and gratitude was the fact that six new missionaries had volunteered for the work in Africa, in response to the appeal of the Board for more workers on the dark continent.

4. Extreme gratification was expressed that the report of the Home Mission Board showed an advance in total receipts of more than $26,000 and larger spiritual and benevolent results in the missions. The Board was authorized to take necessary proceedings to amend its charter, if that be necessary, for the extension of the work to Canada and South America.

5. Our Synod has been apportioned for each year of the biennium as follows:

Foreign Missions	$ 855 75
Home Missions	1,026 90
Church Extension	684 60
Board of Education	684 60
Pastors' Fund	239 61
General Synod	68 46
Deaconess Board	273 84
Home for the Aged	171 15
Tabitha Home	68 46

6. The Lutheran Publication Society was authorized to begin the publication of a new magazine to be entitled "Lutheran Church Work." It will be the official organ of the General Synod. All the departments of the Church are to be represented. The new publication will have 48 pages. The Missionary Journal will be discontinued and the women of the Church will begin the publication of a new magazine also, entitled "Lutheran Woman's Work."

7. The memorial of the Kansas Synod concerning the organization of the men of the Church was presented by the chairman of

your delegation to the proper committee, but it was not brought to the attention of the Synod. A petition from the Olive Branch Synod to the same effect was submitted, so the matter was brought to the attention of the General Synod as this Synod desired. A committee was appointed to encourage and promote the formation of men's organizations throughout the Church and proceed as rapidly as possible in the formation of a general men's league in the General Synod.

8. Pastors are very much embarrassed frequently on account of the request of divorced persons to officiate at their weddings. We call attention to the action of the highest body of our Church relative to the remarriage of such persons. "The General Synod recommends to all the District Synods connected with it that for the guidance of their ministers, they make and establish this rule, that no minister should perform the marriage ceremony for a divorced person whose divorced husband or wife is still living, except the innocent party in a divorce granted on Scriptural grounds, namely, adultery, or wilful or malicious desertion, or such extreme cruelty as may be included under the same principle, and then only after the lapse of a period of twelve months after the divorce has been granted, and that for their information as to the facts in the case they may with a good conscience accept the statement made in the license granted by the State or in such other legal document as may be presented to them by the parties applying for marriage.

9. The Board of Directors of Tabitha Home submitted a report of that institution. The Home was accepted by the General Synod, an apportionment of two cents was made for its support and the institution was commended to all the people of the Church, especially those upon its territory, for their support, their prayers and their interest.

10. The General Synod inaugurated the Laymen's Movement. An hour was set apart to hear addresses on the benevolent work of the Church by several active laymen. A general committee was authorized to be composed of one layman from each District Synod, with an Executive Committee of five members. We are pleased to report that Kansas Synod has the honor of being represented on the Executive Committee by Mr. Jesse W. Schwartz, of St. Joseph, Missouri, who is present at this meeting of the Synod and who will be heard on this subject. The purpose of this movement is to aid the pastor to interest the laymen more deeply in the benevolent work of the Church.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we welcome the publicaiton, "Lutheran Church Work," and that we pledge it our happy support.

Resolved, That we give careful and prayerful consideration to the question of men's organizations, and that if it is feasible we effect such organization in our various pastorates at the earliest possible date.

Resolved, That we hail with joy the Laymen's movement, bid it God's speed and pledge to it our interest, our prayers and our support.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. LANTZ,
C. F. WIEST.
H. H. HALL,
H. L. YARGER,
A. E. RENN.

Report adopted.

Special Order.—Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions was again considered; 4th recommendation adopted.

On motion an effort was then made to secure $400 for Synodical Home Missions.

Pledges to Synodical Home Mission Fund.

Waterville, $10.00; St. Joseph, $15.00; Kansas City, Grace, $5.00; Kansas City, First, $10.00; Kansas City, Kan., $5.00; Lawrence, $10.00; Atchison, $10.00; Kansas City, Memorial, $5.00; Moray, $10.00; Peabody, $20.00; Whitewater, $15.00; Emporia, $5.00; Hutchinson, $5.00; Dr. J. E. Tressler, $15.00; H. A. Ott, $20.00; J. M. Cromer, $5.00; I. B. Heisey, $5.00; A. B. Shrader, $5.00; English Lutheran Helper, $5.00; E. Bollman, $15.00; G. G. Clark, $5.00; Peabody Men's League, $5.00; St. Joseph Men's League, $5.00; Lawrence Men's League, $5.00; Salina, $5.00; Chapman, $5.00; Eureka, $5.00; Norcatur, $5.00; Hays City, $5.00; Perth, $5.00; John A. Wible, $10.00; Abilene, $10.00; John and Josephine Lantz, $5.00; Altman Daughters, $5.00; Effingham, $5.00; Ottawa, $5.00; Rush City, $5.00; H. L. Yarger, $5.00; J. T. Miller, $5.00; Sedalia Sunday School, $5.00; Topeka, $5.00; C. W. Horn, $5.00; Oklahoma City, $5.00; L. P. Ludden, $5.00; B. F. Pugh, $5.00; Campus (John A. Bright), $5.00; Valley Falls (Dysinger), $5.00; R. M. Ladwig, $5.00; Martha Jane Bergstresser, $5.00; Oliver MacWilliams, $5.00; Geo. S. Murphy, $5.00; F. S. Delo, $5.00; Lesher Children, $5.00; H. A. Ott, grandson, $5.00; C. J. Erickson, $5.00; Miss Anna Ludigh, $5.00; Bunker Hill and Excelsior, per John Gamber, $5.00; Wellington, $5.00.

Report of Tabitha Home Committee.

Your committee appointed to visit Tabitha Home at Lincoln, Neb., to confer with committees from other Synods of the General Synod, assembled in Lincoln on November 20, 1906. These committees de-

cided to talk over and assume control of Tabitha Home for the General Synod of the Lutheran Church. The Board of Trustees of the Home, composed of citizens of Lincoln, resigned and a new Board was elected, consisting of Rev. C. Rollin Sherck, President; Rev. Wm. Schuelzke, D.D., Rev. F. Wupper, Dr. A. T. Peters, Rev. R. Neumann and Rev. B. R. Lantz.

A transfer of the property to the District Synods of the General Synod was then made A second meeting of the Board was held January 7, 1907, at which time Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., Rev. P. Bieger, Rev. J. H. Dirks and Rev. C. N. Swihart were elected to membership. At this meeting amended articles of incorporation were adopted. A third meeting of this Board was held on May 7, 1907, at which a new constitution was adopted and other business of great importance transacted. At this meeting of the Board Dr. A. T. Peters, of the Synod of Nebraska, and Mr. J. H. Humpe, manager of the Lincoln Traction Company, both members of Grace Lutheran Church of Lincoln, were elected President and Treasurer, respectively. Rev. Schuelzke was elected Vice-President. At the last meeting of the General Synod, Tabitha Home was recognized as one of its institutions and commended to all the people of our Church, especially to those upon its territory, for their prayers, their interest and their support. The Board of Trustees is composed of representatives from the Kansas, German Nebraska, Nebraska, Wartburg and Rocky Mountain Synods. This Board, which is not to be composed of more than twenty members, is elected annually by the interested Synods. It will be the duty of this Synod to elect two members to the Board for the ensuing year.

The purpose of this institution, as set forth in the constitution, is:

First. To maintain a Deaconess Training School for nurses.

Secondly. The Christian care of orphans, the aged, the destitute and the sick.

There are ample accommodations for the accomplishment of this purpose. The principal building is a large, commodious structure, consisting of ninety rooms, thirty-two of which are upon the ground floor. These rooms will be set apart for the aged people who will be sheltered in the Home. The other fifty-eight rooms will be used for hospital purposes.

From the very beginning of its connection with Tabitha Home the Board has had in view the establishment of a strong Lutheran hospital. On May 7, 1907, the hospital, of which the chairman of your committee is a member, made such a gratifying and favorable report that a motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be given

power to install a first class hospital, without cost to the Board. The estimated cost is $10,000. More than $7,000 of this amount has been subscribed by the citizens of Lincoln. Of the 110 regular physicians of Lincoln, 32 of the leading physicians compose the personnel of the medical staff of the hospital and 30 others have promised and will give their hearty support.

The Charity Organization of Lincoln is arranging with Tabitha Home to care for their cases requiring protracted treatment and propose to endow a bed in one of the wards, this endowment to be available for building operations, if necessary. It will amount to at least $1,000.

The Home depends very largely upon the Lutheran churches of its territory to furnish the rooms of the hospital. Other churches and organizations will aid in this blessed work, but we trust many of our own people, as they in sympathy "look down all the weary lines of life," will be prompted to furnish a room that will care for the suffering sick for many years to come.

The orphans are being cared for in a large building on the premises capable of accommodating forty children. Extensive repairs have been made in this building under the direct supervision of Dr. A. T. Peters and his wife. Two children have been in the orphanage the past few days and others have been accepted. The children have been admitted to all school privileges in the city schools, including the High School. They are attending Sunday School at Grace Lutheran Church.

Several applications for the Home for the Aged are pending. At least one of these applicants, a blind Swede, will be accepted as soon as the remodeling shall be sufficiently advanced.

We recommend that the Kansas Synod not only raise its apportionment of two cents a member, but that the churches send the full amount of special offerings to Tabitha Home.

We recommend that the Kansas Synod furnish a room at the cost of $75, to be known as the Kansas Synod Room, and that our pastors call upon the various auxiliaries of their churches and individuals to aid in furnishing rooms in the hospital in the name of Christ, who ministered unto the bodies of men when he was on earth.

We recommend that one-half of the rear cover page of the minutes of the Kansas Synod be allotted to Tabitha Home Hospital for advertisement space.

We recommend that the Kansas Synod elect two of its members to the Board of Directors annually.

B. R. LANTZ.
H. L. YARGER,
I. B. HEISEY.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Claims.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS.

Dr.

To H. A. Ott, D.D.	
Nov. 17, 1906, Fee for new charter	$2 50
June 7, 1907, Trip to Midland College, B. meeting	5 25
July 12, 1907, Trip to McPherson and Hotel	2 25
April 2, 1907, Freight on Synod trunk	1 77
April 2, 1907, Expressage on Minutes and 'Phone	1 00
March, 1907, Trip to Campus and Perth and Eureka	6 00
March, 1907, Express charges	50
March, 1907, Trunk and Postage	3 25
March, 1907, Balance Salary as Secretary	10.00
Total	$38 32
To Historical Committee.	
Trip to Topeka	$3 60
Stationary	1 25
Postage	7 00
Total	$11 85
To A. T. Olson.	
Expressage	$ 60
Stamps and Envelopes	4 46
Salary, Oct. 16, 1906-Oct. 16, 1907	5 00
Total	$10 06
To A. M. Reitzel.	
For Postage for correspondence for Young Peoples' Societies and Sunday-schools	$ 85
Total	$ 85
To I. B. Heisey.	
Attendance at Tabitha Conference at Lincoln, Neb.	$5 00
Meeting of the Trustees of Midland College	3 00
Total	8 00
Grand total of above bills	$69 08

Your committee recommend that these bills be allowed and orders for the same drawn in favor of these creditors.

B. R. LANTZ,
G. G. CLARK,
G. B. HANSTINE.

Report adopted.

On motion $5.00 was ordered paid to the Janitor of the Ottawa Church.

Report of Committee on Literary and Theological Institutions.

The question of "Higher Education" is a perennial question and is always of important interest to the Church. The advanced and advancing position of our State institutions is a constant challenge to the Literary and Theological institutions of the Church. To meet this challenge, to maintain our normal position, the Church institution must be prepared to offer and to give the superior education for which it stands and to which it is committed. There can be no higher intellectual and moral standard in your Church than your institutions give.

Nor should the increased cost of men and money in maintenance be understood as a lack of interest or loyalty on the part of our people, but rather the demand for equipment to meet the necessity and privilege of our day.

Our Church schools must continue to give us a safe and satisfactory place with a superior moral atmosphere where our sons and daughters may be educated and where our young men may be prepared for the Gospel ministry. To this end and for this purpose we recommend:

1. That every interest of Midland College and of the Western Theological Seminary at Atchison, Kan., be brought to the attention not only of our own people, but the public generally.

2. That the faculties of both institutions be encouraged to maintain the high standard of their respective curricula and by personal precept and example continue to impress the student body with the importance of a faithful life and work in the Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We note with marked pleasure the splendid results of last year's work in both the College and Seminary, 30 graduating from the several departments of the College and 9 from the Theological

Seminary, all of whom are in the active ministry on our Western territory.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. SCHINDEL.
FRANK S. DELO.

Report adopted.

Resolution regarding the special announcements of the different pastorates:

Resolved, That the pastors of Synod be requested to furnish copies of their local parish papers, letters, festival programs or announcements, or such other printed matter issued during the year for the public, for exhibition at Synod and exchange among the pastors, this exhibit to be under the supervision of the Secretary of Synod.

Resolution adopted.

Report of Committee on Vacant Congregations.

Inasmuch as the members of our Church at Vinland have all moved away, we recommend that the name be stricken from the roll.

And since the Jericho congregation has disbanded, we recommend this name be taken from the roll; that the St. James congregation in connection with this charge be referred to Dr. Yarger.

We recommend that the Advisory Board visit Minneapolis and Delphas at an early date to encourage the people and arrange for supplies, if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. SHRADER.
B. F. PUGH.
R. M. LADWIG.

Report adopted.

Resolution fixing the time of the opening session of Synod on Friday evening, October 16, 1908, was passed.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. H. Dysinger.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Jesse W. Schwartz.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, In the kind providence of God the Kansas Synod has been permitted to meet in its fortieth annual convention in this beau-

tiful city of Ottawa, and whereas, the reports and communications have evinced an unusual state of activity and prosperity in the various pastorates and institutions on the territory; therefore,

Resolved, That we return sincere and hearty thanks to Almighty God for the privileges of this convocation, and for the marked advance of the work in the past year; and that we pledge anew our strength, our intellect and our means for the further advancement of the great work of the Master.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the representatives of the various Boards of the Church, and pledge our continued loyal support of these important branches of our work.

Resolved, further, That in formally expressing our appreciation of the courtesy of Dr. Sifferd and his congregation in their fine hospitality, we go deeper than mere words. Such untiring and painstaking care of a convention is rarely exceeded. The thoughtfulness of the Luther League in the provision of the bountiful supper on Tuesday, and the excellence of the musical numbers at the evening services, call for special mention.

Resolved, That we invite the W. H. and F. M. Society to publish the proceedings of their convention in the bound volume of the minutes of our Synod, and that at least 1,200 copies of minutes be published.

Respectfully submitted,
FULLER BERGSTRESSER.
R. B. WOLF.
J. W. KRAFT.

Report adopted.

On motion it was ordered that names of officers of the Conferences be published in Minutes of Synod, (See Calendar.)

Moved that the Committee on Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies be instructed to prepare a blank for the statistics of Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies for future use in harmony with Lutheran usage.

It was moved that Synod rescind the five years limitation on Beneficiary notes.

On motion the courtesy of the floor was extended to Brother Howard E. Taylor to present a proposed State Evangelistic Campaign under Dr. Beiderwolf.

It was moved that the Synod co-operate with the pro-

posed Biederwolf campaign in the State of Kansas, according to the plan presented by Brother Taylor, and a committee of three appointed for this purpose.

On motion Brothers Stauffer, Wiest and Bergstresser were appointed by the President.

On motion it was ordered that the Committee on Codification should make the Constitution of Synod as printed in a past copy of Minutes harmonize with the Constitution of General Synod by changing the word "when" to "and," on account of typographical error, thus giving the President power to appoint a Secretary in case of a vacancy.

Constitution amended by inserting "and Statistical Secretary" before the words "and Historical Secretary" in Art. 2, Sec. I.

Resolution for Re-Adoption of Constitution.

WHEREAS, The Synod of Kansas of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, having been re-incorporated, the former charter having expired by limitation, therefore,

Resolved, That the above-named Synod in annual convention assembled adopts its constitution as formerly promulgated.

On motion Rev. A. B. Shrader was authorized to cast the ballot of Synod for the officers of same as Trustees of Synod, which he did.

On motion an election was held resulting in the election of F. D. Altman, D.D., and Rev. Fuller Bergstresser as Trustees of Synod, thus filling the quota; and Rev. B. R. Lantz and H. L. Yarger, D.D., as Trustees of Tabitha Home; and Revs. A. B. Shrader and E. E. Stauffer as Trustees of the Nachusa Orphanage.

On motion Synod proceeded to ballot for place of next meeting of Synod. Peabody was chosen; time, October 16, 1908.

Moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet as a Ministerium. Carried.

Moved that the chairman of Committee on Parochial Report be Statistical Secretary. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Correspondence.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to submit the following report:

Two communications have been received, one from the Executive Committee of the Inter-Church Conference on Federation, calling attention to the need of more systematic education in religion; it recommends for the favorable consideration of the public school authorities of the country the proposal to allow the children to absent themselves without detriment from the public schools on Wednesday or on some other afternoon of the school week for the purpose of attending religious instruction in their own churches; it urges upon the Church the advisability of availing themselves of the opportunity so granted to give such instruction in addition to that given on Sunday; it entertains the hope that the matter be received and made a subject of discussion in our various conferences during the coming year and asks for the aid of our body in the solution of this important question.

The second communication is from the Editorial Committee of the new official magazine of the General Synod, "Lutheran Church Work," asking for the general and generous support of all our people, both clerical and lay, so that the new venture may be a success.

Your committee recommend that it be the opinion of Kansas Synod that a movement in behalf of greater religious instruction is an imperative necessity; that we heartily endorse the resolution of the Inter-Church Conference on Federation and conform to their request by urging our conference to discuss in their meetings during the year the matter embodied in the resolution.

Your committee also recommends that we as a Synod heartily welcome and encourage the new magazine, "Lutheran Church Work," by giving it our approval and support and urge our pastors to bring it to the attention of their respective congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. WIEST.
J. B. GROVE.
A. HERNING.

Report adopted.

Rev. R. B. Wolf spoke in the interest of the Deaconess Board.

Report of the Calendar Committee.

Report adopted. (See pages 2, 3 and 4.)

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Committee on Necrology.

In the providence of God this Synod of Kansas has suffered no bereavement during the Synodical year, for which we are profoundly grateful.

C. W. SIFFERD,
C. F. PUGH,
C. F. WIEST.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Codification of the Laws of Kansas Synod.

Charter granted at the Re-incorporation, November 30, 1906.

Constitution, and By-Laws and Standing Rules, of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, of Kansas, together with the By-Laws of the Trustees, all adopted as amended, October 18, 1907.

CHARTER.

(SEE MINUTES OF 1906, PAGE 28.)

STATE OF KANSAS, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

Certificate.

I, J. R. Burrow, Secretary of State of Kansas, do hereby certify, that the following and annexed is a true and complete copy of the Charter of THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS, filed for record in this office, November 30th, 1906.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal. Done at Topeka, Kansas, this 30th day of November, A. D. 1906.

(Signed.) J. R. BURROW.

"The undersigned, citizens of the State of Kansas, do hereby associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a private corporation under the laws of the State of Kansas, and do hereby certify,

FIRST.

Name.

That the name of this corporation shall be the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas.

SECOND.

Purpose.

That the purposes for which this corporation is formed are to promote the worship of Almighty God under the Formula for the Government and Discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as adopted by THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; to discharge all functions arising under the rules and regulations of said church in Kansas by taking, holding, and disposing of such property, personal and real, as it may acquire by gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise.

THIRD.

Location. That the places where its business is to be transacted are at Topeka and the place where said Synod meets in Annual Convention, and other places arranged for by its Board of Trustees.

FOURTH.

Life. That the term for which this corporation is to exist is Ninety-nine years.

FIFTH.

Trustees. That the number of Trustees of this corporation shall be five and the names and residences of those who are appointed for the first year are:

H. A. Ott, Topeka, Kansas.
J. J. Chambers, Perth, Kansas.
F. D. Altman, Atchison, Kansas.
A. T. Olson, Lawrence, Kansas.
J. H. Berlin, Atchison, Kansas.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto subscribed our names, this 17th day of November, A. D., 1906.

H. A. Ott,
J. B. McAfee,
C. W. Horn,
J. B. Wherfel,
H. G. Licht.

STATE OF KANSAS, } ss.
SHAWNEE COUNTY, }

Acknowledgment. Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for Shawnee County, Kansas, the above-named H. A. Ott, J. B. McAfee, C. W. Horn, J. B. Wherfel, and H. G. Licht, who are personally known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument of writing, and duly acknowledge the execution of the same.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal, this 17th day of November, A. D. 1906.

Elias Shull,
Notary Public.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

SECTION 1. The name and title of this Synod shall be: THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS.

Doctrinal Basis.

SEC. 2. The Doctrinal Basis shall be, "The Word of God, as contained in the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine Word, and the faith of our Church founded upon that Word."

Membership.

SEC. 3. This Synod shall consist of all the ordained Lutheran ministers and licentiates, together with one lay delegate from each pastoral district within its bounds, who submit to this Constitution. Each lay delegate shall have a seat, and the liberty of speech, and a vote.

Duties of Synod.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of Synod to see that the rules of government and discipline prescribed in this Formula of Government are observed by all the congregations and ministers within its bounds, to receive appeals from decisions of church councils, and of special conferences, when regularly brought before it, and review and reverse and confirm the decisions to which they refer; to examine and decide on all charges against ministers and licentiates, that of heterodoxy alone excepted; to form and change ministerial districts; to attend to any business relating to the churches, which is regularly brought before it; to provide supplies for destitute congregations, and to devise and execute all suitable measures for the promotion of piety and the general prosperity of the Church, not otherwise disposed of in this Formula.

Compel Attendance.

SEC. 5. To this end the Synod and Ministerium shall have power to cite any church members within its bounds to appear before them; and to endeavor to obtain other witnesses, when the case may require it.

Congregation Violating this Constitution.

SEC. 6. If any congregation, hitherto in connection with this Synod, should refuse to observe the resolutions of Synod, or the provisions of the Formula of Government, it shall be excluded from connection with the Synod during the time of its refusal; nor shall any other Synod, nor any Lutheran minister or licentiate, take charge of it without special permission of the President. *Provided, however,* that if the charter of an incorporated congre-

gation be at variance with any articles of this Formula, this charter shall have precedence of those articles with which it is in conflict.

Admission of New Congregations.

SEC. 7. Any congregation may become connected with the Synod within whose bounds it is situated, by acceding to the provisions of this Formula, and making an annual contribution to the objects apportioned or designated by Synod.

Annual Meeting.

SEC. 8. At least one meeting of Synod shall be held every year, at such time and place as may have been determined on.

Absence from Meetings.

SEC. 9. No minister or licentiate shall be absent from the meeting of the Synod without the most urgent necessity. In case of his absence, he shall, if possible, send to the Synod a written apology for his absence. Voluntary ministerial engagements shall not be regarded as a sufficient excuse. Any minister or licentiate violating the provisions of this section shall be called to account by the President at the next meeting.

Excuses.

SEC. 10. These written apologies, as well as all other letters and papers intended for the Synod or Ministerium, ought to be addressed to the President.

Entertainment.

SEC. 11. The minister of the place in which the Synod is held, with the church council, shall endeavor to provide for the entertainment of the ministers, candidates, and lay delegates, by Christian friends.

SEC. 12. All the members of the Synod shall endeavor to assemble on the evening of the day appointed.

Worship.

SEC. 13. Divine worship shall be celebrated, during the meeting of the Synod, as often as may be convenient, and consistent with the business of the Synod.

Advisory and Corresponding Members.

SEC. 14. Ministers in good standing in other Synods, or in any sister churches, who may happen to be present, or who appear as delegates from said bodies, may be received as advisory or corresponding members, but cannot vote in any decisions of the Synod.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD.

Officers.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Synod shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistical Secretary and Historical Secretary. The President and Secretary are also the officers of the Ministerium.

How Chosen. Eligibility.

SEC. 2. All these officers are annually chosen by ballot, from among the ordained ministers regularly belonging to Synod, by a majority vote, with the exception of the Treasurer, who may be a layman.

The same person shall not be eligible for more than three successive years.

President.

Synodical Sermon.

SEC. 3. The President shall deliver a Synodical discourse at the meeting of Synod; and he shall, in connection with the pastor of the place, appoint the other individuals who are to preach during the session.

President's Report.

SEC. 4. He shall at the beginning of every Synodical meeting make a written report of all the official business transacted and letters received by him since the last meeting, and of all the important events which have occurred relating to the Synod, and may recommend for its consideration any measures which he may deem necessary or calculated to promote the cause of God. This report shall be laid on the table, and dealt with as with all other papers coming before the body.

SEC. 5. He presides at all the meetings of the Synod and Ministerium.

President's Right to Discuss and Vote.

SEC. 6. The President has a right to take part in the discussions, as well as any other member. When the house is equally divided on any question, he has the casting vote. In all other cases he has no suffrage, except when an election is made by ballot, and then he has not the casting vote.

Preserve Order.

SEC. 7. The President shall preserve order, not suffer more than one member to speak at a time, secure to each person liberty to speak without interruption from others, and shall prevent a speaker from deviating from the subject before the house.

Putting the Question.

SEC. 8. The President shall take care that each subject be duly considered before a decision be made He shall distinctly rehearse each motion, when no one has any further observations to offer, and take the votes of the house on the same.

SEC. 9. When the votes are called for, they are to be given simply by Yea and Nay, and no further observations are then admissible.

Appointment of Committees.

SEC. 10. The President has the appointment of all committees which are not to be elected by ballot, or otherwise; and every motion for the formation of a committee shall specify in what way it is to be formed.

Counsel and Advice.

SEC. 11. It is an important part of his duty to give counsel to every member of the Synod when he deems it expedient, and particularly to admonish and advise every erring brother. If accusation has been lodged against any member of this body according to Chapter III., Section 5, Formula of Government, or if he has reason to believe that any minister or licentiate is living in any material violation of the

How to Act in Case of Accusation.

rules of this Formula, it shall be his duty to call upon the individual to relieve his character from said imputation before the Synod or Ministerium.

Removal or Death.

SEC. 12. Should the President remove from the limits of the Synod, or depart this life, then the Secretary shall succeed him, and discharge the duties of the President until the next Synod.

Secretary.

Duties of Secretary.

SEC. 13. The Secretary shall keep a faithful and accurate account of all the proceedings of the Synod and Ministerium; carefully preserve all the papers, the seal, etc., of the Synod, subject to their direction, and shall do all the official writing of the Synod not otherwise provided for. In case of the death or removal of both the President and Secretary, the oldest pastor shall act as President.

Notice of Meetings.

SEC. 14. He shall give notice (either by circular or in the public papers, as Synod may direct), to each minister and licentiate belonging to the Synod, of the time and place of the Synodical meeting, at least six weeks previous to the time appointed.

Synodical Roll.

SEC. 15. He is to keep a register of the names of all the ministers and licensed candidates, arranged according to their age in office, and also of the congregations, whether vacant or not, connected with the Synod.

Assistant Secretary.

SEC. 16. If the accumulation of business should render it necessary, the President may appoint an assistant Secretary, whose office shall expire at the close of the meeting of the Synod.

Removal or Death of Secretary.

SEC. 17. If in the recess of the Synod the Secretary should remove into the bounds of another Synod, or should depart this life, the President shall require the archives, the seal, and all other property of the Synod, to be delivered to him, and shall retain the charge of them until the next session of the Synod, and he shall appoint a Secretary *pro tem.*

Archives. Free Access.

SEC. 18. Unless the archives are otherwise disposed of by the Synod, they shall be in the charge and custody of the Secretary. Any minister or delegate of a congregation connected with the Synod shall have free access to them; but no part of them shall be allowed to be taken away or destroyed.

Treasurer.

Duties of Treasurer.

SEC. 19. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the moneys belonging to the Synod, and shall keep them subject to its order. He shall keep, and present at each annual meeting, a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

Removal or Death.

SEC. 20. Should the Treasurer, during the recess of the Synod, remove out of the bounds of the

Synod, or be removed by death, the President shall have all the moneys, certificates, bonds, and documents belonging to the Synod, delivered into his hands, and shall have the charge of them until the next Synodical session.

Historical Secretary.

Duties of Historical Sec.

SEC. 21. The Historical Secretary shall prepare and keep in a suitable book a brief history of the Synod from its organization, giving names of founders, officers, growth, and other items of interest. He shall also keep a convenient record of all standing resolutions of Synod, and a complete file of its printed minutes. He shall also report in brief the proceedings of Synod in the church papers.

SEC. 22. He shall prepare and keep a brief history of each congregation in the Synod, giving date of organization, number of organizing members, names of successive pastors, and time of service, erection of church buildings, their size, cost, time of dedication, etc., and any other items that may be deemed of historical interest.

SEC. 23. He shall also prepare the statistics of our denomination for the State Agricultural Reports, State Sunday-school Association, and such other publications as may desire these statistics.

ARTICLE III.

OTHER MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

Duties of Members.

SECTION 1. It is the duty of every ordained minister, licentiate and lay delegate of every Synod, not only to observe the provisions of this Constitution himself, but also, as far as in his power, see that it is obeyed by all connected with it.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES, OR CANDIDATES.

SEC. 2. It is recommended to every ordained minister and licentiate, to aid in circulating among the members of his charge, the books and papers proposed by the Synod and General Synod for use.

Comity Between Pastors.

SEC. 3. No minister or licentiate shall interfere with the congregations of another, by preaching or performing other ministerial duties in them, except by his request or consent, if present; nor in his absence, if he have reason to think that any evil would result to said church.

Certificates of Dismissal.

SEC. 4. Any minister or licentiate in good standing, who removes from the bounds of our Synod into those of another, shall, on application to the President, receive a certificate under his signature, of his honorable dismission; and such certificate shall also be required by this Synod of those applying for admission into it from other Synods.

Required for Admission.

On Resigning a Charge.

SEC. 5. Every ordained minister has the right to leave his charge and remove to another whenever he believes it his duty to do so; yet he must give the President timely notice of his intended removal.

Licentiates and Vacant Charges.

SEC. 6. A licensed candidate shall have liberty to visit vacant congregations, either upon receiving an invitation from them, or upon the advice of the Synod or President.

Restrictions.

SEC. 7. After a licentiate has a stated charge, he shall be restricted to it, and shall not resign it without the consent of the Ministerium, or, in its recess, of the President.

Ministerial Functions.

SEC. 8. A licentiate has power to perform all the ministerial functions during the time specified in his license.

SEC. 9. In addition to the obligations of ministers specified in Chapter III., Sec. 1, Formula of Government, it is the duty of licentiates particularly to devote all their leisure time to their personal improvement in knowledge and grace, to receive counsel from the President, and to apply to him for advice in cases of difficulty.

Journal. Annual Report.

SEC. 10. Every licentiate must keep a journal of his ministerial acts, which with a few sermons of his own composition, he must deliver, or send annually for the inspection of the Ministerium.

LAY DELEGATES.

Lay Delegates.

SEC. 11. Each delegate, entitled to a seat by this Constitution, shall have equal rights with the ministers in all business belonging to the Synod; that is, may take part in the debates, offer resolutions, and vote on all Synodical questions.

ARTICLE IV.

PROCESS AGAINST A MINISTER.

Duty of Synod as to Conduct of its Members.

SECTION 1. As the honor and success of the gospel depend very much on the character of its ministers, the Synod ought to guard with the utmost care and impartiality the conduct of its members.

How to Proceed Against a Minister.

SEC. 2. All Christians should be very cautious in giving credit or circulation to an ill report of any man, and especially of a minister of the gospel; if any man knows a minister to be guilty of a private censurable fault, he should warn him in private. If this prove fruitless, he should apply to the Church Council, who shall proceed as specified in Chapter III., Section 5, Formula of Government.

How the President Shall Proceed.

SEC. 3. If accusation be lodged, according to Chapter III., Section 5, with the President, within four months of the time of the next Synodical meeting, he shall defer the matter to said meeting; yet

What Charges Require Immediate Action.

if the charge be one of drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental errors in doctrine, or a higher crime, he shall immediately direct the accused to suspend all his ministerial duties until his case be decided. If such accusation is lodged with the President at an earlier date, he shall, if the charge be one of drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental error in doctrine, or of higher crime, immediately give notice to all the members of the Conference district to which the accused belongs, to meet without delay at a suitable place, and institute a formal investigation of the case, according to the principles of this Formula. The Chairman of said Conference district shall immediately fix the time and place of the meeting, and give at least fifteen days' notice of the same to each minister in the district, and also to the parties concerned.

When Referred to Conference.

Notice Given.

When no Conference Exists.

SEC. 4. If the Synod is not divided into Conference districts, the President shall appoint a Committee of three ordained ministers, shall fix the time and place of their meeting, and give all the notices as above required of the Chairman of the Conference district.

Power of Conference or Committee.

SEC. 5. Any three members of the Conference or of the Committee above named, shall have power to proceed and hold a fair and impartial investigation of the case, and to take all such measures as may be just and necessary to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused.

When Accused Confesses.

SEC. 6. If the accused confess, and the matter be base and flagitious, such as drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental error in doctrine, or a higher crime, however penitent he may be, he must immediately be suspended from the exercise of his office, and if thought expedient, a time be appointed for him to publicly confess to the congregation and the world his guilt and penitence.

When Accused Refuses to Attend.

SEC. 7. If a minister accused of atrocious crimes, being duly notified, refuse to attend the investigation, he shall still be immediately suspended from office.

Denying, Yet Found Guilty

SEC. 8. If the accused deny the charge, and yet on examination of the evidence is found guilty, the Conference or Committee shall nevertheless proceed to pass sentence on him.

Maximum Penalty of Conference or Committee.

SEC. 9. The highest punishment which can be inflicted by a Special Conference or Committee appointed as above specified, is suspension from clerical functions; and this sentence is to be reported to the next meeting of Synod, and remains in force until reversed by the Synod or Ministerium, as the case may be.

Appeal.

SEC. 10. Any minister intending to appeal from the decision of a Conference or Committee, shall give notice of it to his accusers within three weeks of the time when the decision was made, that both parties may be prepared for a new trial.

Special Conferences.

SEC. 11. Special Conferences not especially convened for the purpose, may attend to any charges of importance against a minister within their bounds, if all the parties concerned are prepared and willing to proceed.

In Lesser Crimes.

SEC. 12. If at any time accusation be lodged with the President, according to Chapter III., Section 5, for a less crime than those above specified, Section 3, he shall take no other steps in the case than to write a letter to the accused and accusers, exhorting them to mutual forbearance, and referring them to the next Synodical meeting.

Charges Brought Directly to Synod.

SEC. 13. If accusation against a minister be made immediately to the Synod, and the Synod believe themselves in possession of all the evidence necessary to just decision, the case may be immediately examined and sentence passed. But if the necessary evidence be not before them, and the crime be such as is specified in Section 3, they shall appoint a meeting of the Conference to which the accused belongs, or, if there be no conference district, of a Committee, who shall proceed as above specified.

Removal of Suspension.

SEC. 14. If a minister be found guilty of drunkenness, fundamental heresy, lewdness, or higher crimes, his sentence of suspension shall not be removed until after some time of penitent, humble, and edifying conduct. And he cannot be restored by any judicatory but the Synod, or by the Ministerium, if his case was one of fundamental heresy.

Restoration Only by Synod.

When Congregations Fail to Proceed.

SEC. 15. If the common report of the minister's guilt of any of the charges above specified, be such as seriously to injure the cause of religion, and his own churches do not proceed against him, it should be the duty of any other minister or layman, having obtained two other signatures of credible men, to report the case to the President.

ARTICLE V.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Vacant Congregations to Hold Meetings.

SECTION 1. Vacant congregations which cannot be immediately supplied with a minister, are advised to assemble on the Lord's Day, to elect some member of the church, of suitable capacities and character, to conduct the exercises and engage in the worship of God, as recommended in Chapter VII., Section 1.

SEC. 2. It is also recommended, that at these meetings a portion of the Scriptures, of the prayers contained in the Liturgy, and of some select sermon, such as are approved by the President of Synod, be read.

ARTICLE VI.

SPECIAL CONFERENCES.

Conferences.

SECTION 1. Synod shall divide itself into two or more districts for the purpose of holding special conferences, which may be held either on a week-day or Sabbath.

How Often.

SEC. 2. It is desirable, where ministers do not live too far apart, that at least two Conferences should be held annually in each district. They ought to last two days, and the chief business to be performed at them is to awaken and convert sinners, and to edify believers by close practical preaching of the gospel.

Length.

Purpose.

State of Religion.

SEC. 3. The state of religion in the churches of the district ought to be inquired into, and at least an hour be spent by the Conference alone in conversation on subjects relating to pastoral experience.

Size.

SEC. 4. These districts ought to contain between five and ten pastors, and when the number becomes greater, a new district ought to be formed.

Where Held.

SEC. 5. These Conferences ought to be held alternately, in some congregation of each minister and licentiate belonging to the district.

Power and Limitation.

SEC. 6. Special Conferences may examine into any business of congregations which is regularly referred to them, and give their advice; but no Conference shall, under any pretext whatever, perform any business connected with the licensure or ordination of candidates for the ministry.

Lay Delegates.

SEC. 7. Lay delegates may also be sent to these Conferences, under the same regulations as to Synod, if it is thought advisable by the Synod.

ARTICLE VII.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

Ministerium.

SECTION 1. The clergy shall hold a meeting consisting exclusively of Scripture elders, that is, preachers, for the purpose of attending to those duties which Christ and his apostles enjoined upon them alone, viz., Examination, Licensure, and Ordination of candidates for the ministry. This meeting is called the Ministerium or Presbytery; by which, in Scripture, is meant ministers alone.

Relation of Licentiates To.

SEC. 2. Licensed candidates may be present at the Ministerium meeting, unless requested to withdraw, and may take part in discussions, but have no vote.

Charges of Heresy.

SEC. 3. The Ministerium shall also be the proper body by whom all charges of heresy against a minister are to be examined and decided: as also all appeals from the decision of a church council on a charge of heresy against a layman, or from the decision of a Special Conference on a similar charge against a minister.

Receiving Ministers from Other Denominations.

SEC. 4. When ordained ministers of other religious denominations make application for admission into connection with Synod, the Ministerium shall be the body to decide on the case.

Two-thirds Majority Required.

SEC. 5. A majority of two-thirds of the ordained ministers shall be required, either for the licensure of an applicant as well as the renewal of his license, or the ordination of a licensed candidate, or the admission of an ordained minister of another denomination.

Receiving Ministers from Abroad.

SEC. 6. No minister or licentiate, coming from a foreign country, shall be received as a member of this Synod until after a residence of two years in this country, and unexceptionable deportment during that time. Excepting only, that if an ordained minister comes well recommended for piety and earning, by a Consistorium, or a number of individuals knows to the Ministerium as orthodox and evangelical, and if the Ministerium believe they can safely confide in the testimonials, they may receive him for twelve months, after which the vote for his permanent reception as a regular member shall be taken, and the case decided according to Section 5.

SEC. 7. All business not specifically entrusted to the Ministerium in this Formula, shall belong to the Synod.

Order of Business in Ministerium.

SEC. 8. The order of business in the Ministerium may be as follows:

1. After the session has been opened with prayer, the President shall communicate any business which he may have to report or propose.

Licentiates.

2. The licentiates shall hand in their licenses, sermons, and journals, which ought, if possible, to be read by the licentiate before the whole body. If want of time renders this inconvenient, committees ought then to be appointed to examine and report on them.

Applicants.

3. Applicants for licensure are examined.

Decided by Ministerium.

4. After the examination of the applicants and of the sermons and journals of licentiates, the applicants and licentiates may be desired to withdraw, and the question of their licensure and renewal of license or ordination be discussed and decided.

5. The licensure and ordination may be performed either in the Ministerium or at an appointed hour before a promiscuous assembly.

6. Promiscuous matters relative to ministerial business may then be attended to. General Business.

7. Some time then shall be spent in conversation on pastoral experience.

8. The session closed as directed in Chapter XI., Sec. 2.

Article VIII.

Missions, Education, Examination, etc.

Missions.

Section 1. As the blessed Saviour left to His followers the command, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you;" the Synod shall regard it as a sacred duty to adopt, from time to time, such measures as it may deem best calculated to execute this solemn injunction. Missions.

Sec. 2. The Synod shall elect a standing committee, to be known as the Advisory Board of Home Missions of this Synod, whose duty it shall be to assist vacant missions to secure supplies and regular pastors when so desired, and shall also co-operate with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod in the management of our missionary work. This committee shall consist of three ordained ministers to serve for three years each, one of whom shall be elected by ballot; the members of the first committee elected to serve for one, two and three years respectively. Advisory Board of Home Missions. Duties. How Constituted.

Beneficiary Education.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of pastors to instruct the people on the importance of Beneficiary Education, to seek out proper candidates for the ministry, and to collect funds for this work. Beneficiary Education. Duty of Pastors.

Examination and Licensure.

Sec. 4. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed on Beneficiary Education, who shall receive applications for aid, examine the applicants, recommend the amount of aid to be given to each, and render an annual report to Synod of all their action in the matters pertaining to Beneficiary Education. Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Sec. 5. There shall be an Examining Committee of five ordained ministers appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to examine candidates for licensure, and ordination. As these examinations may be highly interesting and useful to the whole Ministerium, and will be more faithfully performed if public, it is earnestly recommended that they be performed before the whole body. Duties of. Examining Committee.

SEC. 6. After the examination by the Committee is ended, every member of the Ministerium has the right to ask the applicant any additional questions.

Subjects for Examination.

SEC. 7. The examination shall embrace, at least, the following subjects, viz.: Personal Piety and the motives of the applicant for seeking the holy office, the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures, the Evidences of Christianity, Natural and Revealed Theology, Church History, Pastoral Theology, the rules of Sermonizing, and Church Government.

Minimum Qualification of Candidate.

SEC. 8. No Ministerium shall, in any case whatever, license an individual, whom they do not believe to be hopefully pious. Nor shall any applicant, extraordinary cases excepted, be licensed, whom the Ministerium do not find possessed of a competent acquaintance with the subjects named in Section 7, the Hebrew language alone excepted.

Licensure, How Performed.

SEC. 9. The *Ceremony of Licensure* shall be performed according to the Liturgy of the Church.

Licensure—Expiration and Renewal.

SEC. 10. All licenses shall extend to the time of the next annual meeting of the Ministerium, and shall be renewed as a matter of course, whether the licentiate be present or not, unless satisfactory reasons are known to the Ministerium which render a renewal inexpedient. And if, for any reason, no meeting be held at the appointed time, the licenses granted by said Ministerium shall remain in force, until revoked at a subsequent meeting.

License Revoked.

SEC. 11. If a licentiate, after some time of probation, does, in the judgment of the Ministerium, prove himself unqualified for the duties of the ministry, his license shall be withdrawn.

Ad-interim License.

SEC. 11. a. The President shall have power to grant ad-interim license upon the recommendation of three members of the Examining Committee of Synod. (1902.)

Ordination.

Ordination—When, where and by whom.

SEC. 12. Whenever the Ministerium has decided that an individual shall be ordained, the ceremony may be performed, either at the time, by the assembled Ministerium, or, if preferred, in the church by which he has been called, by the Special Conference, or by a committee appointed for the purpose by the President. The ceremony of ordination, wherever performed, shall be according to the Liturgy of the Church.

How Performed.

Installation.

Installation.

SEC. 13. It is recommended that pastors be installed in their office, and the President of Synod shall appoint a committee for this purpose at the request of any pastor.

ARTICLE IX.

In Things Not Herein Provided For.

SECTION 1. This Synod adopts the "Formula for the Government and Discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," contained in the Book of Worship, as its standard and rule in all things not otherwise provided for in this Constitution.

Alteration and Amendment.

SEC. 2. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of Synod, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of Synod present; provided that such alteration or amendment has been proposed in writing at the previous annual meeting of Synod.

By-Laws—How Adopted.

SEC. 3. Synod may at any regular meeting adopt, by a two-thirds vote, such By-Laws as may be required, provided that they be not inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER.

Motions. Discussion Preceded by.

1. No subject shall be discussed without being first presented in a motion made, seconded, and committed to writing; and the mover shall have the privilege of withdrawing such motion at any time before the question is taken.

Objection to Motion.

2. When a motion has been made and seconded, if a member objects to its being discussed, the President shall immediately put the question, "Shall this subject be discussed?" when, if decided in the negative, the motion shall be dismissed; and no motion thus dismissed shall be entered on the Minutes, unless by a vote of the Convention.

Division of Question on Request.

3. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

Amendment to a Motion.

4. No amendment shall be entertained unless germane to the motion under consideration, nor shall any amendment be in order beyond the second degree.

Privileged Motions.

5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, except,

Order of Precedence.

(1) To adjourn;
(2) To lay on the table;
(3) To close debate;
(4) To postpone indefinitely;
(5) To postpone to a specified time;
(6) To refer to a Standing Committee or the Officers of Synod;
(7) To refer to a Special Committee;
(8) To amend;

which motions shall take precedence of each other in the order in which they are numbered.

Motion to Adjourn.

6. A motion to adojurn shall always be in order, except when a member has the floor and is speaking.

Undebatable.

7. The motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, to close debate, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be taken without debate.

Amendments Always in Order.

8. Amendments may be offered at any stage of the question.

In Cloture, How to Proceed.

9. When a motion is adopted to close debate, the motions then pending before the Convention shall be put in the order of their arrangement, as provided in Rule fifth.

Motion to Refer or Commit.

10. A motion to refer or commit is debatable, but until decided, shall preclude all debate of the main question.

Appeal.

11. The President shall decide all questions of order; but any member has a right of appeal from his decision. The question on an appeal shall be stated in the following manner: "Shall the decision of the President stand as the judgment of the Convention?" and until decided shall preclude all debate of the main question. Debate shall be allowed only on appeals taken while a debatable motion is before the Convention.

When Debatable.

Yeas and Nays.

12. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question, when requested by five members of the Convention.

Rules of Speaking.

13. No member shall speak in debate without first rising from his seat and respectfully addressing himself to the President. He shall confine himself to the subject under debate, and avoid personality; nor shall he be interrupted except with his own consent, and for the purpose of explanation.

How Often a Member May Speak.

14. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the Convention.

President's Right to Speak.

15. The President shall have the right to speak on any matter before the Convention, provided the chair be filled by another member, and he shall have the power to name any member to perform temporarily the duties of the chair when he may wish to vacate it.

President's Right to Name Committees.

16. The President shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise directed by the Convention.

BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES.

Reports.

1. Every pastor shall prepare an annual parochial report according to blanks furnished by Synod; also a report on the State of Religion.

Parochial Committee.

2. A Committee of three, to be known as the Parochial Committee, shall be annually appointed, to the Chairman of which all the pastors and congregations of Synod must send their parochial re-

ports two weeks before the day of the meeting of Synod, and this Committee shall meet one day before the day appointed for Synod, and arrange, complete, and be ready to report to Synod the full and complete parochial report.

End of Synodical Year.

3. The Synodical year shall close on the Tuesday two weeks preceding the appointed day for convening of Synod; and everything given and done after that day shall be credited as work of the new year.

Report on State of Religion.

4. The Secretary shall prepare blank forms for reports on the State of Religion, and to include in said form such items as most naturally come under such report.

Where Sent.

5. Reports on the "State of Religion" shall be sent to the President of Synod, and mention shall be made in his annual report of the State of Religion in the Synod.

Historian.

6. It shall be the duty of the Historian of Synod to gather and record an accurate account of the important facts pertaining to the history of each congregation connected with the Synod, and it shall be the duty of each pastor promptly to assist the Historian in this work upon every request made by him.

Secretary's Salary.

7. The Secretary shall receive Twenty-five Dollars annually for his services.

Division of Church Extension Funds.

8. The Treasurer of Synod shall pay at least one-half of all the funds that come into his hands for the Board of Church Extension into the Donation Fund.

Synodical Representation.

9. As requested by the Board of Foreign Missions, the Calendar Committee shall annually appoint a Synodical Representative of that Board in this Synod.

Blank Forms for Dismissing Members and Calling a Pastor.

10. The Secretary of Synod shall secure from the Lutheran Publication Society, and keep on hand, a supply of blank letters of dismissal of church members, and supply each pastor with copies of the same. Also, that blank Pastoral Calls be secured and supplied. Both to be paid for out of the funds of Synod.

Benevolence Envelopes.

11. The Secretary of Synod shall have charge of all duties devolving heretofore on the Committee of Systematic Beneficence, now discontinued, such as keeping on hand and distributing Benevolence Envelopes.

Trustees of Midland College.

12. (a) Synod shall elect two members of the Board of Trustees of Midland College.

Expenses Paid by Synod.

(b) The railroad expenses of its Trustees of Midland College, in attendance upon the meeting of the Board, shall be paid from the Synodical treasury, and these trustees shall make an annual report to Synod.

Claims Against Synod.

13. A Committee on Claims shall be appointed each year by the President, to whom all bills against the Synod shall be presented, and such committee shall report to Synod, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay only such bills as have been ordered paid by the Synod.

Committee on Sunday-schools.

14. A Standing Committee on Sunday-schools shall be appointed.

Directors of Nachusa Orphanage.

15. Synod shall elect two members of the Board of Directors of the Nachusa Orphanage.

Committee on Necrology.

16. A Standing Committee on Necrology shall be appointed to prepare suitable memorials for deceased members, and make arrangements for appropriate commemoration services to be held during the Convention.

Memorial Services.

Ministers and Church Membership.

17. A minister not a pastor, to become a member of a local congregation must enter by the same door and be received in the same manner as any other Lutheran asking the same privilege.

Ministers and Synodical Membership.

18. Ministers having removed from the bounds of this Synod are urged to unite with the Synods respectively within whose bounds they may reside.

Expenses of Retired Ministers. When Paid by Synod.

19. The President of Synod is instructed to see that the expenses of retired ministers, financially unable to attend the meetings of Synod, be paid out of the Synodical Treasury.

Attending Funeral of Deceased Members.

20. The President and Secretary, or duly appointed representatives, are authorized to attend the obsequies of members of Synod within our own territory, and the expenses of such attendance shall be paid out of the Synodical Treasury, if not otherwise provided.

Letters of Dismissial to Ministers— When Refused.

21. When a member of Synod asks for a letter of dismissal to some other denomination, if such applicant has received beneficiary aid and has been less than ten years in the work of the ministry, he shall be refused a letter of dismissal until he fulfils the obligation to the Synod which furnished him the aid.

New Members of Synod Supplied with Copies of the Constitution.

22. A copy of the Constitution of Synod shall be sent to each new member of the Synod by the Secretary, so that he can familiarize himself with the rules and regulations of this body.

Apportionment in Congregations Without a Pastor.

23. It is the sense of this Synod that congregations are morally responsible for the raising of their apportionment, whether they have a pastor or not.

Settlement with Retiring Pastors.

24. A vacant church or charge shall settle its financial obligation with the retiring pastor before electing another, or engaging a stated supply, except in the judgment of the President it should be deemed necessary to arrange otherwise.

Dissolution of Pastorates.

25. In all pastorates composed of two or more congregations, their relation cannot be dissolved

without consent of Synod. In no case shall a pastor be called to any part of a charge or resign any part of a pastorate, but in all cases the call and resignation must be a transaction of business conducted through the joint council of the pastorate.

Pastor Cannot Resign Part of a Charge.

26. The regular Synodical Communion service shall be held on the first evening of Synod, immediately after the annual sermon by the President.

Synodical Communion.

27. The devotional services of Synod shall be in charge of one person appointed in advance.

Leader of Devotional Services.

28. The Examining Committee is authorized to meet on the day before the opening of Synod, and the applicants for licensure or ordination are required to meet the Committee at such time.

Examining Committee. Meeting of.

29. The Calendar Committee is instructed to nominate a Beneficiary Committee, to consist of two ministers and one layman, one to hold for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.

Beneficiary Committee. How Appointed. How Constituted.

30. The Beneficiary Committee shall be governed by the following instructions:

Beneficiary Rules.

(a) They shall consider all applications for aid and examine the applicant.

To Receive Applications.

(b) They shall require a written statement, certified to by his pastor, as to his conversion, piety, talents, and evidence of a call to the ministry in the Lutheran Church.

Statement Required.

(c) They shall ascertain his ability to support himself, and how much aid he would need.

Amount of Aid Required.

(d) They shall direct his course of study and determine where it shall be pursued, and shall obtain reports of the candidate's deportment and progress in study.

Under the Direction of the Committee.

(e) They shall require a pledge from all beneficiaries to abstain from the use of tobacco.

As to Use of Tobacco.

(f) They shall have power to dismiss from aid any beneficiary whenever in their judgment they deem proper to do so.

Right to Dismiss.

(g) They shall require all students supported by this Synod to take a full course in the German language while attending our institutions of learning.

Required to Study German.

(h) They shall require all applicants to agree to pursue their entire course under the direction of the Committee.

Agree to Committee's Direction.

(i) They shall require each beneficiary to give the following promissory note for moneys received:

Note Required.

(Place) ——, (Date) ——.

On demand, for value received, I promise to pay the Treasurer of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Kansas —— dollars, with interest at 7 per cent. per annum until paid. It is understood, and hereby made a part of this contract, that the giver of this obligation is to enter the ministry of the General Synod of the Ev. Lutheran Church in the United States

Form of Note.

and faithfully labor therein. Should he voluntarily fail to do either, this promissory note must be fully and legally met, otherwise to be null and void.

(Name) ——— ———.

Note Returned.

(j) When a beneficiary of this Synod has faithfully served the Church in the ministry for a term of ten years his notes be returned and his obligation of this order be canceled.

(See also rule 21.)

(Refer also to Constitution, Art. VIII, Sec. 3, f. f.)

Quarterly Statements.

31. They shall require from all our beneficiaries a quarterly statement of their progress in studies, and an annual certificate of their standing and conduct from the President of the college or seminary they attend.

Self-help.

32. The Synod impresses upon our beneficiary students the great necessity and advantage of self-denial and self-help.

Right of Committee to Borrow.

33. The Treasurer of Synod and the Committee on Beneficiary Education are hereby authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay to the beneficiary students dependent upon the Synod for their support, the sums promised them, at such times during the Synodical year as the exigencies of the case may require.

Scholarships.

34. Believing that it would be a more efficient method of administering the funds of Synod, as well as to relieve the students from anxiety in regard to the payment of their bills, we recommend that this Synod found scholarships at Midland College. That the benefits of such scholarships be available to young men of limited means who are preparing at Midland College for the gospel ministry of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, and whose piety and ability have been approved by the Committee on Beneficiary Education. That the money for such scholarships be paid by the Synodical Treasurer into the hands of the President of Midland College, or President of Western Theological Seminary, to be expended in the payment of tuition, room-rent, heat and board. That the Committee on Beneficiary Education be governed by the existing rules in granting the benefits of such scholarships to young men; and that the Treasurer be instructed to require of such young men the same legal obligations as before.

Maximum Amount of Aid.

35. The amount paid by this Synod annually to any beneficiary student shall not exceed $150.00. The Committee on Beneficiary Education shall be allowed to aid any students they see fit, aside from those designated by Synod, provided the funds be in their hands to do so.

Ad-interim Appropriations by Committee.

36. The Committee shall be empowered to make appropriations to worthy students for the ministry to supplement their own resources, in the interim of Synod, but in no case shall such appropriation exceed Fifty Dollars for one student, and the Committee shall be limited to two students thus assisted.

Must be Ready for Freshman Class.

37. This Synod will receive no more beneficiary students upon its funds who shall not have prepared themselves for the Freshman classes in our Colleges, provided such preparation might have been obtained at their homes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The transactions of Synod shall be conducted as follows:

Quorum.

1. At the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall assemble, and if four ordained ministers and two lay delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

How Synod Shall be Opened.

2. The President shall open the first session by a prayer, after the brethren have unitedly sung a hymn. And every session of the Synod and Ministerium shall be opened and closed with prayer. In the absence of the President, the first prayer shall be made by the Secretary, and if he also be absent, by one of the elder ministers present.

Opening and Closing of Sessions.

Roll Call.

3. After prayer, the Secretary shall call the names of all the ordained ministers and licentiates belonging to the Synod, and note the absentees.

Credentials of Lay Delegates.

4. The lay delegates shall then exhibit the certificates of their appointment, and their names be registered by the Secretary as members of the Synod.

President's Report.

5. The President shall make his report (Article II., Section 4) as the last official act of his office, and then inform the members, that

Election.

6. The election of officers for the ensuing year is now to be attended to.

Advisory and Corresponding Members.

7. Admission of delegates or ministers from other ecclesiastical bodies; according to Article I., Section 14.

8. The minutes of the last Synod may be read, or referred to a committee.

Reception of Papers.

9. All papers intended for the Synod or Ministerium are to be handed in, and verbal notice may be given of any important business intended to be brought before the Synod.

Referred.

10. The Secretary shall then number the papers as arranged by the President, after which they shall be taken up and discussed before the whole house in numerical order, or be first referred to committees, as the house may direct. The reports of committees may be heard and acted on at any time, and the intervals filled up by the succeeding items.

Committees.

11. Appointment of committees:
(1) On President's Report.
(2) Auditing Committee.
(3) On Correspondence.
(4) On Literary and Theological Institutions.
(5) On Minutes of Conferences.
(6) On Application of Churches for Admission into Synod.
(7) On Leave of Absence and Excuses.
(8) On Claims.
(9) On Apportionment.
(10) On Temperance.
(11) On Devotional Exercises.
(12) On Synodical Calendar.
(13) On Resolutions.
(14) Special Committees, to whom shall be referred other business not otherwise provided for.
(15) The Treasurer's account shall be heard.
(16) The number of vacant congregations shall be inquired into and provisions made for them.
(17) General business.

Election of Delegates, etc.

(18) Election of delegates to the General Synod, or to other ecclesiastical bodies, and of Trustees of Synod of Kansas, Orphans' Home, and other Institutions with which Synod may have such relations.
(19) Choice of the time and place for the next meeting of Synod.

Adjournment.

(20) Dissolution of the Synod, and annunciation of the time of the ministerial session.

Election Pro Tem.

(21) Should the President or Secretary be absent at the proper time for opening a session, the members present may elect others *pro tempore*.

BY-LAWS OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Number of Trustees. Term of Office.

1. Conformably to its Charter, Synod shall elect five Trustees, who shall hold office for a term of one year.

Filling Vacancies.

2. The Trustees shall fill vacancies in their number occuring ad-interim, and such appointment shall hold until the next Convention of Synod.

3. The Trustees are by virtue of their office members of Synod.

Annual Meeting.

4. The annual meeting of the Trustees shall be held at the time and place of the annual Convention of Synod, except that when such Convention shall occur outside of the State of Kansas, some suitable place within the State of Kansas shall be selected by the officers of the Trustees for their annual meeting.

Exception.

Special Meetings.

5. Special meetings of the Trustees may be ordered by the President at any time or place, and he shall call such meeting when requested to do so by two or more of the Trustees.

Duties of Trustees.

6. The Trustees shall have the management of the secular affairs of Synod, particularly those which refer to real estate.

To Obey Instructions of Synod.

7. The Synod may recommend any action it may desire the Trustees to take, and the Trustees shall consider themselves in duty bound to carry out the will of Synod.

Title to Property.

8. The title to all property of the Synod, both personal and real, shall vest in the Trustees.

If Synod Dissolves.

9. In case of dissolution of Synod, all property of Synod, including funds held in trust, or otherwise, shall be transferred to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, to be held and used by it for the purposes for which said property was set apart or appropriated.

Officers of Trustees.

10. The Trustees shall select the same officers who have been chosen by Synod for the ensuing year, whenever it is possible to do so, and these officers shall serve for one year.

Treasurer's Bond.

11. The Trustees shall require the Treasurer of Synod to give security for the faithful performance of his duty.

How Amended.

By Trustees.

By Synod.

12. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any session of the Trustees by a majority of the Trustees and they may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the members of the Synod at an election to be ordered for that purpose by the Trustees on the written application of a majority of such members.

R. B. WOLF,
E. E. STAUFFER,
B. R. LANTZ,
A. E. RENN,

Adopted.

Recommendation: The committee recommends that the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, etc., be published in minutes of this convention and that two hundred and fifty copies of the above-mentioned be published in separate form.

R. B. WOLF,
E. E. STAUFFER,
A. E. RENN,
B. R. LANTZ,

Recommendation adopted.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. Bollman.

EVENING SESSION, 8 P. M.

Rev. H. H. Hall, D.D., delivered an address on "Regard for God's Law."

On motion Synod adjourned *sine die*.

S. M. LESHER,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF MINISTERIUM.

Ministerium opened with prayer by Rev. Chas. F. Wiest.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your committee reports that they have received no applications for Licensure or Ordination.

The Ordination papers of Rev. W. A. Livers have been returned to Synod with the request that they be accepted. We recommend that the request be granted, and that he be permitted to demit the ministry.

GEO. S. MURPHY.
R. B. WOLF.
F. D. ALTMAN.
J. H. STOUGH.

Report adopted.

Resolution of Commendation of Rev. W. A. Livers.

Resolved, That this body express its appreciation of the conscientious act of our brother, W. A. Livers, in the return of his papers upon his taking up secular work.

As this is a rare case, too many following secular work and still holding their papers as ordained ministers, we highly commend the candor and manliness of the act, and would say to others in like circumstances, "Do likewise!"

Resolution adopted.

Ministerium adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. B. Grove.

S. M. LESHER,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Election of officers: President, Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. S. M. Lesher.

By-Laws were adopted as presented. (See Codification.)

The following were duly qualified: H. A. Ott, S. M. Lesher, J. E. Tressler, M.D.

On motion adjourned.

S. M. LESHER,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Report of Treasurer of Kansas Synod, October 15, 1907.

Place.	Congregation.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	No.
Abilene	Trinity	$5 00	$13 00	$56 00	$50 00	$40 00	$26 00	1
Atchison	St. Mark's	4 00	10 50	45 00	41 00	32 00	36 00	2
Beloit	Zion's	3 00	3 00	13 00	19 00	11 00	7 00	3
Bunker Hill	Mt. Zion	1 60	4 40	13 40	13 00	11 00	6 00	4
Bunker Hill	Excelsior	80	1 10	8 75	7 85	4 80	14 00	5
Campus		.....	2 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	6
Chapman	Ebenezer	1 00	2 00	8 00	8 00	6 00	4 00	7
Chapman	Scherer Memorial	1 00	2 00	4 40	14 60	7 00	5 00	8
Effingham	First	1 00	1 50	16 90	3 00	1 00	8 00	9
Effingham	(Valley Falls) St. Paul's	1 00	2 00	5 00	4 50	7 00	5 00	10
Emporia	St. Mark's	2 00	5 00	21 00	19 00	15 00	10 00	11
Eureka	Christ's	2 00	5 00	6 00	19 00	30 00	10 00	12
Garnett	St. Paul's	1 00	1 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	13
Glasco	St. Paul's	1 46	3 00	14 55	20 70	16 71	11 00	14
Greenleaf	Trinity	1 00	1 50	10 00	.....	6 45	4 00	15
Greenleaf	St. Paul's	1 00	2 50	20 00	.....	8 00	5 20	16
Haskell	Grace	50	50	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	17
Hays City	Trinity	2 00	.....	26 00	23 00	19 00	12 00	18
Hutchinson	Zion	1 00	2 00	10 00	9 00	7 00	5 00	19
Kansas City, Mo.	First	4 00	10 00	29 00	45 00	28 00	10 00	20
Kansas City, Mo.	Children's Memorial	2 00	3 00	22 00	15 00	15 00	8 00	21
Kansas City, Mo.	Grace (1906 Apportionment)	2 80	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	22
	Grace (1907 Apportionment)	2 00	5 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	38 00	23
Kansas City, Kan.	Trinity	.....	2 89	11 92	7 42	8 64	5 50	24
Lancaster		.....	.....	6 61	1 85	1 75	.....	25
Lawrence	English	6 75	10 00	55 00	45 00	41 00	20 00	26
Manchester	St. Paul's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
Minneapolis	St. John's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
Minneapolis	St. Paul's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29
Moray		3 00	7 00	29 00	26 00	20 00	14 00	30
New Cambria	First English	.....	.....	2 60	.....	.....	7 50	31
New Cambria	St. Paul's	1 00	1 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	32
Norcatur	St. Mark's	2 00	2 00	14 41	9 50	7 00	5 40	33
Norcatur	St. Paul's	.....	1 00	.....	5 32	3 68	3 25	34
Oklahoma City	First	1 00	3 00	15 00	13 00	10 00	7 00	35
Ottawa	St. Paul's	2 00	4 00	17 00	15 00	12 00	8 00	36
Peabody	St. Paul's	4 00	10 00	77 00	69 00	43 00	22 00	37

Treasurer's Report (Continued).

No.	Benedictory Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Nachusa Orphans' Home.	Dwarfness Board	Home for Aged.	Western Seminary Endowment.	Midland College Library Endowment.	Total paid on Apportionment.	Amount Apportioned.	Excess over Apportionment.	Deficit Under Apportionment.	Synodical Missions.	Grand Total.
1	$20 00	$14 00	$10 00	$14 00	$10 00	$14 00	$20 00	$292 00	$292 00	.....	.....	$10 00	$302 00
2	16 50	11 00	14 50	11 00	8 00	26 38	26 38	282 26	223 00	$59 26	.....	15 00	297 26
3	6 00	3 00	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	71 00	83 00	.....	$12 00	.....	71 00
4	6 60	3 50	3 90	3 50	2 00	3 00	3 00	74 90	45 00	29 90	.....	.....	74 90
5	2 40	1 10	2 60	1 10	60	90	.....	46 00	46 00	.....	.....	60	46 60
6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
7	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	45 00	45 00	.....	.....	.....	45 00
8	4 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	55 00	55 00	.....	.....	.....	55 00
9	5 00	3 35	1 00	.....	1 41	.....	.....	42 16	89 00	.....	46 84	.....	42 16
10	4 00	1 50	1 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	41 00	55 00	.....	14 00	.....	41 00
11	8 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	8 00	111 00	111 00	.....	.....	.....	111 00
12	8 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	8 00	111 00	111 00	.....	.....	10 00	121 00
13	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	29 00	29 00	.....	.....	.....	29 00
14	3 00	9 00	5 00	.....	8 00	2 00	1 86	96 28	175 00	.....	78 72	.....	96 28
15	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 35	1 00	.....	.....	29 30	117 00	.....	87 70	.....	29 30
16	4 00	3 00	3 70	3 00	.....	1 00	.....	51 40	24 00	27 40	.....	.....	51 40
17	1 00	50	50	50	50	1 00	1 00	13 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	13 00
18	.....	.....	5 00	7 00	5 00	.....	.....	99 00	137 00	.....	38 00	.....	99 00
19	4 00	3 00	5 15	3 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	58 15	55 00	3 15	.....	1 24	59 39
20	.....	.....	4 00	3 75	5 00	.....	.....	138 75	216 00	.....	77 25	.....	138 75
21	8 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 70	4 00	91 70	117 00	.....	25 30	5 00	96 70
22	5 00	5 00	4 20	.....	.....	9 80	.....	76 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	76 80
23	5 00	5 00	3 00	.....	3 00	10 00	4 80	125 80	223 00	.....	97 20	5 00	130 80
24	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	5 00	47 87	76 00	.....	28 13	2 50	50 37
25	3 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 96	68 00	.....	54 04	.....	13 96
26	16 00	12 53	20 71	11 00	8 00	11 00	16 00	272 99	229 00	43 99	.....	5 00	277 99
27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
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30	10 00	7 00	5 00	7 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	153 00	149 00	4 00	.....	.....	153 00
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32	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	28 00	30 00	.....	2 00	.....	28 00
33	3 50	3 05	4 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	4 50	66 36	45 00	21 36	.....	.....	66 36
34	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	16 75	33 00	.....	16 25	5 00	21 75
35	5 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	77 00	77 00	.....	.....	.....	77 00
36	6 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	6 00	88 00	88 00	.....	.....	5 00	93 00
37	16 00	33 00	24 00	11 00	24 00	11 00	16 00	360 00	228 00	132 00	.....	25 00	385 00

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Place.	Congregation.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	No.
Perth	St. James'	3 00	4 85	21 00	19 00	15 00	10 00	38
Salina	St. John's	4 00	14 00	45 25	40 40	32 00	21 21	39
Sedalia, Mo.	Trinity	2 00	5 00	25 00	18 00	14 00	9 00	40
St. James	(Near Abilene)	.....	.....	1 20	1 00	1 00	1 00	41
St. Joseph, Mo.	First	7 00	17 00	78 00	65 00	52 00	34 00	42
Topeka	First	2 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	9 29	7 85	43
Vinland	St. John's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44
Waterville	Evangelical	3 00	8 00	25 20	20 00	20 80	16 00	45
Waterville	Hebron	1 00	1 00	6 80	6 00	4 00	3 00	46
Waterville	(Walnut Township) English {1906 / 1907}	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 20	.....	47
		1 00	3 40	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	48
Wellington	St. John's	1 00	4 00	17 55	14 25	11 00	8 00	49
Whitewater	Zion's	2 00	4 00	30 21	46 00	13 00	8 00	50
M. L. Exliene	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	51
Mary Herbert	.....	.....	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	52
S. Henry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53
S. Palmer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54
O. P. Jessup	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55
J. R. Shirar	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56
J. A. Bright	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57
Jno. A. Wibble	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58
C. J. Eriksen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59
B. F. Pugh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
J. J. Chambers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61
Friend	Garnett	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62
Henry Zimmerman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63
Ernest Evans	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64
M. F. Rinker	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	65
B. D. Zimmerman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66
Totals		$86 91	$202 74	$870 75	$796 39	$635 32	$458 91	67
Bal. on Hand, Oct. 16, 1906		.....	126 27	.....	.....	.....	.....	68
Totals		86 91	329 01	870 75	796 39	635 32	458 91	69
Disbursements		86 91	275 91	870 75	796 39	635 32	458 91	70
Bal. on Hand, Oct. 15, 1907		.....	53 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	71

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No.	Beneficiary Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Nachusa Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board	Home for Aged.	Western Seminary Endowment.	Midland College Library Endowment.	Total paid on Apportionment.	Amount Apportioned.	Excess over Apportionment.	Deficit Under Apportionment.	Synodical Missions.	Grand Total.
38	5 28	3 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	.....	.....	89 13	111 00	.....	21 87	.....	89 13
39	16 00	11 07	8 00	7 00	7 00	12 00	17 00	234 93	223 00	11 93	.....	5 00	239 93
40	7 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	4 00	7 00	.....	105 00	105 00	.....	.....	5 00	110 00
41	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	8 20	29 00	.....	20 80	.....	8 20
42	26 00	18 00	20 00	18 00	13 00	18 00	26 00	392 00	380 00	12 00	.....	15 00	407 00
43	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 14	295 00	.....	254 86	5 00	45 14
44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
45	11 90	6 00	5 40	4 00	1 00	4 00	6 00	131 30	175 00	.....	43 70	5 00	136 30
46	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	33 80	33 00	80	.....	.....	33 80
47	7 20	1 00	1 00	1 20	.....	4 20	.....	24 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 80
48	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	50 00	88 00	.....	38 00	.....	50 00
49	6 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	6 00	85 80	83 00	2 80	.....	3 00	88 80
50	6 00	9 18	6 32	4 08	3 23	4 00	6 00	142 22	91 00	51 22	.....	10 00	152 22
51	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
52	.....	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	5 00	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	20 00
53	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
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57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
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64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
67	$277 63	$219 78	$203 18	$165 48	$147 74	$204 48	$229 54	$4498 85	$5608 00	$446 81	$1057 56	$181 34	$4680 19
68	93 49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1057 56	41 00	260 76
69	371 12	219 78	203 18	165 48	147 74	204 48	229 54	.....	.....	.....	.....	222 34	4940 95
70	250 00	219 78	203 18	165 48	147 74	204 48	229 54	.....	.....	.....	.....	89 01	4623 40
71	121 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	133 33	307 55

Received for Tabitha Orphans' Home, St. Joseph, $14.56; Glasco, $1.00; Norcatur, St. Mark's, $3.50; Beloit, $6.00. Total, $25.06. Same paid over to B. R. Lantz.

Fraternally submitted.

A. T. OLSON, Treasurer.

APPENDIX B.—Parochial Report of the Kansas Synod.

7 Pastors.	*Pastorates.	Congregations, Name of	PAROCHIAL.																				Index No.—See line with corresponding number on page blue.
			Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmation.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Finances. Estimate Value of Church Property	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Regular Local Expenses.	Finances. Unusual Local Expenses.	
Fuller Bergstresser	*Abilene	Trinity	1	..	2	..	35	5	5	5	11	6	1	1	3	196	240	300	$23000 00	.....	$2345 00	$3500 00	1
A. E. Benn	Atchison	St. Mark's	1	..	2	4	20	...	6	4	6	...	14	13	3	180	206	220	7000 00	.....	1955 00	600 00	2
J. H. Utesch	Beloit	Zion's	1	1	1	..	3	1	2	4	6	1	6	1	2	75	127	171	6000 00	.....	540 00	1232 00	3
J. M. Barnes	Bunker Hill	Mt. Zion	1	..	1	..	15	1	...	1	3	...	1	...	...	29	40	45	2000 00	$400 00	166 45	.....	4
		Excelsior	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	42	53	2000 00	.....	285 30	.....	5
John A. Bright	*Campus	Campus	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	38	53	2700 00	.....	75 00	.....	6
H. H. Hall	Chapman	Sherer Memorial	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	35	35	60	2500 00	300 00	300 00	500 00	7
		Ebenezer	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30	30	1500 00	.....	250 00	50 00	8
E. Bollman	Effingham	First	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	60	75	92	1500 00	.....	550 00	.....	9
H. Dysinger (supply)	Valley Falls	St. Paul	†	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	3	1	3	..	44	71	83	3000 00	1884 00	352 85	138 20	10
G. G. Clark	Emporia	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	15	1	..	..	6	2	12	6	15	100	123	161	15000 00	2100 00	900 35	754 35	11
Oliver MacWilliams	*Eureka	Christ's	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	20	1	..	..	1	..	55	55	62	7500 00	.....	328 00	.....	12
R. Richter	Greenleaf	Trinity	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	40	....	60	2500 00	.....	450 00	100 00	13
	Washington Co.	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	34	....	60	2000 00	.....	180 00	2000 00	14
Carl Kraeger	Lancaster	St. John's	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	4	1	1	..	..	..	43	43	63	.....	.....	200 00	.....	15
B. F. Pugh	Garnett	St. Paul's	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	2	25	....	....	3200 00	1125 00	113 00	.....	16
.....	Haskell	Grace	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	....	....	.....	.....	26 00	.....	17
Charles Wiest	Hayes City	Trinity	1	..	2	..	..	1	2	12	6	1	1	..	..	80	117	140	12000 00	255 00	843 80	330 00	18
Frank S. Delo	Hutchinson	Zion	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	8	44	54	75	5000 00	1512 40	462 20	45 00	19
.....	Jericho, Mo.	Bethel	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
	Charge	St. James'	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
J. C. Schindel	Kansas City, Mo.	First	1	..	2	1	31	..	..	..	7	3	12	8	..	163	207	271	75000 00	.....	3224 05	528 00	22
A. B. Shrader	Kansas City, Mo.	Children's Memorial	1	..	..	1	7	1	..	3	3	1	7	..	1	85	135	155	20000 00	5800 00	1448 90	.....	23
J. M. Cromer	Kansas City, Mo.	Grace	1	..	1	..	12	2	9	52	1	..	9	4	..	100	162	168	10000 00	3000 00	2167 60	.....	24
R. B. Wolf	Kansas City, Kan.	Trinity	1	..	..	..	5	1	2	..	4	4	4	1	4	52	80	114	10000 00	2800 00	769 95	.....	25
E. E. Stauffer	*Lawrence	Eng. Lutheran	1	..	2	..	15	2	4	14	3	1	8	21	..	166	179	238	11000 00	1800 00	1406 60	80 00	26
Vacant	Manchester	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27

*Parsonages.

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Index No.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. Societies. Number of Members, Including Juniors.	For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	DUES. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	BENEVOLENCE. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deacones. Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	25	225	$443 25	$66 70	50	$38 80	.....	$5 00	$13 00	$56 00	$50 00	$40 00	$26 00	$20 00	$112 75	$14 00	$10 00	$14 00	$10 00	.....	$66 35	$437 15	$6282 85
2	1	28	180	201 00	56 00	40	14 35	5 00	4 00	10 50	45 00	41 00	32 00	36 00	16 50	101 65	11 00	14 50	11 00	8 00	.....	67 75	398 90	2954 00
3	1	15	43	30 55	.....	...	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	7 00	14 00	11 00	7 00	6 00	.....	1 00	7 90	1 00	1 00	$1 00	3 71	62 00	614 00
4	1	12	51	45 75	.....	...	2 00	10 00	1 00	2 00	8 00	8 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	25 00	65 00	231 45
5	1	14	83	47 15	.....	...	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	9 00	8 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	5 00	46 00	331 30
6	1	12	60	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	2 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....
7	1	10	60	15 00	.....	10	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	10 00	9 00	7 00	5 00	4 00	.....	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	.....	7 00	55 00	855 00
8	1	8	35	10 00	.....	...	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	8 00	8 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	5 00	45 00	345 00
9	1	10	80	36 00	7 50	20	.....	.....	1 00	1 50	16 90	3 00	1 60	9 00	5 00	.....	2 35	1 00	.....	1 40	.....	.....	42 15	592 15
10	1	13	40	30 70	9 65	...	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	5 00	4 50	7 00	5 00	4 00	.....	1 50	1 00	3 00	2 00	.....	5 00	41 00	532 10
11	1	17	130	85 80	32 75	35	7 75	5 00	2 00	5 00	21 00	19 00	15 00	10 00	8 00	46 95	5 00	4 00	5 00	4 00	.....	20 00	164 95	2004 45
12	1	8	72	64 00	47 00	...	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	21 00	19 00	15 00	10 00	8 00	26 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	4 00	.....	18 00	137 00	465 00
13	1	5	65	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	1 00	1 50	5 00	.....	6 75	4 00	1 00	.....	2 00	1 00	1 35	1 00	.....	5 00	29 30	579 30
14	1	4	35	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	1 00	2 50	11 00	.....	8 00	5 20	4 00	.....	3 00	3 70	3 00	.....	.....	6 00	47 40	2227 40
15	1	5	50	9 20	5 10	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 45	6 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 05	287 20
16	1	4	24	4 00	4 00	...	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	3 00	29 00	142 00
17	..	..	..	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	50	50	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	50	50	50	.....	12 00	23 00	49 00
18	1	12	80	80 00	49 80	24	8 00	20 00	2 00	6 00	26 00	23 00	19 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	7 00	5 00	.....	44 65	149 65	1323 45
19	1	8	135	53 05	10 60	17	9 00	.....	1 00	2 00	10 00	9 00	7 00	5 00	4 00	35 15	3 00	5 15	3 00	2 00	.....	8 25	95 55	602 70
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22	1	22	153	248 50	38 00	46	143 05	67 50	4 00	10 00	39 00	35 00	28 00	10 00	.....	47 80	.....	3 50	3 50	5 00	.....	67 25	254 05	4006 00
23	1	10	50	120 00	33 40	...	.....	.....	2 00	3 00	22 00	15 00	15 00	8 00	8 00	.....	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	.....	11 70	96 70	1065 00
24	1	14	100	128 51	5 00	...	.....	.....	2 00	8 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	18 00	5 00	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	14 80	110 80	2353 95
25	1	8	82	60 00	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	2 85	11 90	7 40	8 70	5 50	2 50	27 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 50	77 55	874 50
26	1	25	269	187 75	82 60	34	12 20	15 00	6 75	10 00	55 00	45 00	41 00	20 00	16 00	62 50	12 53	20 70	11 00	8 00	.....	32 00	278 00	17 64
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Vacant	Minneapolis	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
		St. John's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
F. D. Altman	Moray	Ev. Lutheran	1	..	..	..	12	3	2	4	5	2	4	9	1	110	124	158	3000 00	..	450 20	432 15	30
..	New Cambcia	First Eng. Lutheran	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	89	96	4500 00	..	75 00	..	31
J. B. Grove	Norcatur	St. Mark's	1	..	1	..	15	1	3	..	2	2	2	4	..	40	61	80	2500 00	..	447 70	..	32
		St. Paul's (Long Is)	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	18	35	54	1200 00	..	160 00	..	33
George Belswanger	Oklahoma, Okla.	First Lutheran	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	9	..	..	..	12	4	56	66	105	10000 00	2000 00	838 00	523 95	34
C. W. Sifferd	*Ottawa	St. Paul's	1	..	2	..	..	..	8	..	4	2	2	4	..	58	58	86	12000 00	..	1110 00	80 00	35
Geo. S. Murphy	*Peabody	St. Paul's	1	..	2	..	15	2	2	4	4	1	11	7	4	170	196	232	6500 00	..	1225 00	130 00	36
..	*Perth	St. James'	1	..	1	..	..	1	4	3	3	..	..	3	..	73	96	120	3500 00	350 00	1100 00	..	37
H. A. Ott	*Salina	St. John's	1	..	2	..	20	1	10	4	15	19	25	25	17	252	309	385	15000 00	..	1610 00	150 00	38
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*Parsonages.

Parochial Report of the Kansas Synod (Concluded)

Index No.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. Societies. Number of Members, Including Juniors.	For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	DUES. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	BENEVOLENCE. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
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E. E. STAUFFER, Committee.

APPENDIX C.—Apportionment Table.

Congregations and Charges.	Membership.	General Synod Treasury.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Nachusa Orphans' Home.	Directors Board.	Home for Aged.	Western Seminary Endowment.	Midland College Library Endowment.	Tabitha Home.	Total.
Per Capita		.02	.00	.30	.25	.20	.20	.10	.07	.05	.08	.03	.07	.10	.02	$1 87
Abilene, Trinity	196	$4 00	$12 00	$59 00	$49 00	$39 00	$39 00	$20 00	$14 00	$10 00	$16 00	$10 00	$14 00	$20 00	$4 00	$310 00
Atchison, St. Mark's	180	4 00	11 00	54 00	45 00	36 00	36 00	18 00	13 00	9 00	12 00	9 00	13 00	18 00	4 00	182 00
Beloit, Zion	75	2 00	4 00	23 00	19 00	15 00	15 00	8 00	5 00	4 00	6 00	4 00	5 00	8 00	2 00	120 00
Bunker Hill, Mt. Zion	29	1 00	2 00	9 00	7 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	46 00
Bunker Hill, Excelsior	30	1 00	2 00	9 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	47 00
Campus, Campus	38	1 00	2 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	93 00
Chapman, Sherer Memorial	35	1 00	2 00	11 00	9 00	7 00	7 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	56 00
Chapman, Ebenezer	30	1 00	2 00	9 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	47 00
Effingham, First	60	1 00	4 00	18 00	15 00	12 00	12 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	6 00	1 00	94 00
Valley Falls, St. Paul's	44	1 00	3 00	13 00	11 00	9 00	9 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	69 00
Emporia, St. Mark's	109	2 00	7 00	33 00	27 00	22 00	22 00	11 00	8 00	5 00	9 00	5 00	8 00	11 00	2 00	171 00
Eureka, Christ's	46	1 00	3 00	14 00	12 00	9 00	9 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	73 00
Greenleaf, Trinity	40	1 00	2 00	12 00	9 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	63 00
Greenleaf, St. Paul's	34	1 00	2 00	10 00	9 00	7 00	7 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	55 00
Lancaster, St. John's	43	1 00	3 00	13 00	11 00	9 00	9 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	69 00
Garnett, St. Paul's	25	1 00	1 00	8 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	41 00
Haskell, Grace	8	.....	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	14 00
Hays City, Trinity	80	2 00	5 00	24 00	20 00	16 00	16 00	8 00	6 00	4 00	6 00	4 00	6 00	8 00	2 00	127 00
Hutchinson, Zion	44	1 00	3 00	13 00	11 00	9 00	9 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	69 00
Kansas City, Mo., First	163	3 00	10 00	49 00	41 00	33 00	33 00	16 00	11 00	8 00	13 00	8 00	11 00	16 00	3 00	255 00
Kansas City, Mo., Child. Memorial	85	2 00	5 00	26 00	21 00	17 00	17 00	9 00	6 00	4 00	7 00	4 00	5 00	9 00	2 00	134 00
Kansas City, Mo., Grace	100	2 00	6 00	30 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	7 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	7 00	10 00	2 00	157 00
Kansas City, Kans., Trinity	52	1 00	3 00	16 00	13 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	1 00	82 00
Lawrence, English Lutheran	166	3 00	10 00	50 00	42 00	33 00	33 00	17 00	1 00	8 00	13 00	8 00	12 00	17 00	3 00	261 00
Moray, Evan. Lutheran	110	2 00	7 00	33 00	28 00	22 00	22 00	11 00	8 00	6 00	9 00	6 00	8 00	11 00	2 00	175 00

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New Cambria, First Eng. Lutheran	74	1 00	5 00	22 00	19 00	15 00	15 00	8 00	5 00	3 00	6 00	3 00	5 00	8 00	1 00	116 00
Norcatur, St. Mark's	40	1 00	2 00	12 00	9 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	63 00
Norcatur, St. Paul's	18	1 00	1 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	29 00
Oklahoma City, Okla., First	56	1 00	3 00	17 00	14 00	11 00	11 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	6 00	1 00	88 00
Ottawa, St. Paul's	58	1 00	3 00	17 00	15 00	12 00	12 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	6 00	3 00	4 00	6 00	1 00	93 00
Peabody, St. Paul's	170	3 00	10 00	51 00	43 00	34 00	34 00	17 00	12 00	9 00	14 00	9 00	12 00	17 00	3 00	268 00
Perth, St. John's	73	1 00	4 00	22 00	18 00	15 00	15 00	7 00	5 00	4 00	6 00	4 00	5 00	7 00	1 00	115 00
Salina, St. John's	252	5 00	15 00	76 00	63 00	50 00	50 00	25 00	18 00	13 00	20 00	13 00	18 00	25 00	5 00	396 00
Sedalia, Mo., Trinity	68	1 00	4 00	20 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	7 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	7 00	1 00	106 00
St. James, near Abilene	20	1 00	1 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	32 00
St. Joseph, Mo., First Eng. Luth.	285	6 00	17 00	86 00	71 00	57 00	57 00	29 00	20 00	14 00	23 00	14 00	20 00	29 00	6 00	449 00
Topeka, First Lutheran	147	3 00	9 00	44 00	37 00	29 00	29 00	15 00	10 00	7 00	12 00	7 00	10 00	15 00	3 00	230 00
Waterville, Eng. Lutheran	125	2 00	8 00	37 00	31 00	25 00	25 00	13 00	9 00	6 00	10 00	6 00	9 00	13 00	2 00	196 00
Waterville, Hebron	99	2 00	6 00	30 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	7 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	7 00	10 00	2 00	157 00
Waterville, Eng. Ev. Lutheran	60	1 00	4 00	18 00	15 00	12 00	12 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	6 00	1 00	94 00
Whitewater, Zion	64	1 00	4 00	19 00	16 00	13 00	13 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	6 00	1 00	98 00
Wellington, St. John's	75	2 00	4 00	23 00	19 00	15 00	15 00	8 00	5 00	4 00	6 00	4 00	5 00	8 00	2 00	120 00
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Respectfully submitted,

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Atchison	1885	Abilene	1890
East Norway	1881	Emporia	1885
Effingham	1893	Eureka	1898
Hebron	1879	Hutchinson	1889
Kansas City (First Church)	1884	Minneapolis	1895
Kansas City (Memorial)	1884	New Cambria	1888
Kansas City, Kans.	1904	Oklahoma City	1903
Lawrence	1886	Peabody	1883
Leavenworth	1892	Perth	1894
Ottawa	1887	Salina	1882
Sedalia	1907	Wellington	1889
St. Joseph	1905	Whitewater	1902
Topeka	1880		
Waterville	1879		

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF KANSAS

HELD IN

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ottawa, Kansas
October 16 and 17, 1907

FIRST SESSION.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Kansas Synod convened at Ottawa, Kansas, Wednesday, October 16th 1907, at 9 o'clock a. m., in the parlors of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The following officers were present:

President, Mrs. H. L. Yarger, Atchison, Kan.

Vice-President Northeast Conference, Mrs. J. B. Wherfel, Topeka, Kan.

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Trustee Endowment Fund, Miss Anna Leidigh, Hutchinson, Kan.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. John Bright, Topeka, Kan.

Convention was called to order by the President, using a gavel presented by the Missionary Society of Lawrence, Kan. It was made from the old chancel rail of their church, in which the Kansas Synodical Society was organized twenty-seven years ago.

Mrs. B. R. Lantz not being present, Mrs. W. B. Winzenried was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The President, Mrs. Yarger, led in prayer.

Mrs. Anna Weiser, of Eureka, read the address of welcome for Mrs. Sifferd, who was not able to be present, and the response was given by Mrs. I. B. Heisey, of Waterville.

The following delegates presented their credentials at Roll Call:

Atchison—Mrs. M. F. Troxell, Mrs. W. B. Winzenried

Abilene—Mrs. E. Ellison.

Emporia—Mrs. A. Nicholas, Mrs. A. F. Myser.

Eureka—Mrs. Anna Weiser, Mrs. M. L. Cutmyer.

Hutchinson—Mrs. W. Y. Armstrong.

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Perth—Mrs. Frank Servis, Miss Anna Jacobs.

Salina—Mrs. H. A. Ott.

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Topeka—Mrs. J. B. Wherfel, Mrs. John Bright.

Waterville—Mrs. H. Runkle, Mrs. I. B. Heisey.

Whitewater—Mrs. G. B. Hanstine.

Visitors.—Mrs. B. D. Zimmerman, Atchison; Mrs. Sigley

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President's Report.

Our Saviour established His Church on earth that through an organized and responsible agency the Gospel of salvation might be preached to all men. To this organization God committed His Holy Word, and upon this organization He breathed His Holy Spirit—endowing it with the power necessary for the evangelization of the world—and then gave the command to go out and preach the Gospel to all the world, with the assurance that He would be with His workers unto the end. It is not a question whether the Church *ought* to do this work; it is a question of obedience. Will we do what Christ has told us to do, or will we not? That person who is not doing anything to extend the kingdom of God is not in the Church of Christ. And this has been the aim and *true* work of the Church from the day of Pentecost to the present.

"The whole world for Christ" has been the motto, and though in sundry times and places this work lagged for want of zeal or knowledge, there have always been some who felt the burden of responsibility placed upon the Church by the Lord Himself. From the days of Lydia down to the present, woman has borne her share of this burden, and has been a marked factor in every department of Church work. It remained for the last century to furnish special organizations for woman's work, and since this has been brought about mission work in all the churches has received a mighty impetus.

Nor is the interest in this work diminishing, but on the contrary is increasing every year as the Church grows into wider knowledge and feels more keenly the condition of the unsaved. This increased interest is seen in the growth of schools for special study of mission problems, in the many conferences held for exchange of plans, in schools being established for training of missionaries, and in the increased contributions of God's people everywhere.

The prayer of the Church for many years that the world might everywhere be opened to the Gospel has been answered, and now the challenge is given to the Church to come and occupy.

The women of our Lutheran Church are taking a noble part in this world-wide movement. True, we are not as old in the work,

nor as strong in number, nor as wealthy as some others, but for our years and means we are doing well.

Other bodies of the Lutheran Church are gathering courage from the example of the women in the General Synod, and organizing for aggressive work.

The past year has been one of splendid activity in our general work.

The most notable event in our work in India was the permanent establishment of the Girls' Boarding School, made possible by the gift of $10,000 from Mr. John Firch, of Spokane, Wash., with the promise of more for its endowment.

To our African field six new missionaries have been sent, two of whom are supported by our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. It looks at last as though the seed sown in our African field through these years of trial would at last yield an increase.

At home our general work is in a flourishing condition. Thirty-one missions are now supported in the home field. Seven of these were added to the list in the last year. For all these missions church buildings have been or are now being supplied.

Our new magazine will be launched the first of January next, and this will mark a new epoch in our woman's work. As this will be the official organ of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, not one of our members can afford to be without it and it should have a place in every Lutheran home.

We trust that the representative of that magazine will be cheered by the enthusiasm of this convention.

As to our Synodical Society, we must express feelings of joy mingled with those of regret.

No new organizations were effected, though Bunker Hill reports a missionary program in connection with a monthly aid society and an offering this year of twenty dollars towards the India Hospital Bed endowment. We hope by another year they may be enrolled as a full-fledged missionary society.

Soon after last convention a request came from the general secretary for the names of pastors and congregations where missionary societies did not exist. Appeals were sent to them, and though we have heard of no definite results, we pray it was "seed sown in good ground," and the future reap the fruits. It is not impossible for every congregation in Kansas Synod to have its missionary society, if pastor and people could be made to realize its advantages to them.

In some respects we have made a slight advance in our contributions. Your president has tried to keep in touch with the societies by writing a letter each quarter and bringing to their attention the objects for which contributions were asked.

The endowment fund gives evidence that the societies have kept up their interest, for there are not as many individual gifts this year.

We will leave the matter of bed endowment for the trustee, Miss Leidigh, to report in full.

For the guidance of the auxiliaries in planning for the coming year are offered the following suggestions:

1. That an effort be made to increase our offering to the General Fund. Out of this fund all missionaries are paid and the regular missionary enterprises are supported.

2. That we make a special effort for a liberal thank offering in November. This offering swells the General Fund. A call has come for five new missionaries for India, and if we are to meet the new demands these two funds must be largely increased.

3. That we give a generous Christmas offering.

4. Watch the new magazine, "Lutheran Woman's Work," for the special objects which the Executive Committee will place before us during the year, and let all the societies have a share in their support.

5. That you do all you can to encourage the department secretaries. Each department has its special line of work by which it tries to enlist the disinterested.

6. That the children be given more attention and a systematic campaign be started by which they may become interested in missions.

7. That a thorough canvas be made of our auxiliaries and all the women of the Lutheran congregations of Kansas Synod for subscriptions to the new magazine, "Lutheran Woman's Work."

8. In order that a treasurer's bond be valid it is required that a salary be paid. I therefore recommend that the treasurer of this society be paid a nominal salary.

Let not our interest in all the work be abated one iota, but with increasing zeal let us go forward determined that the coming year shall be the best in our history. The world is being won for Christ, and we must take our place and bear our share of the burden that we may have our share of joy in the final triumph.

MILDRED YARGER,
President.

Annual Report of Corresponding Secretary for the Year Ending September 30, 1907.

	Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Name and Address of Corresponding Secretaries.	Membership. Total incl. Life Membership.	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Juvenile.	Children's Work.	Time of Meetings.	Average Attendance.	Presidents.
1	Abilene	1880	Mrs. D. B. Bingar	32	32	..	..	1	25	..	3d Tuesday	20	Mrs. Olive J. Peters.
2	Atchison	1885	Mrs. F. D. Altman	39	30	9	..	2	13	35	1st Thursday	12	Mrs. H. Dysinger.
3	Emporia	1885	Mrs. A. F. Myser	10	7	3	..	..	9	10	1st Wednesday	5	Mrs. John Blank.
4	Eureka	1898	Mrs. Anna Weiser	8	8	..	..	..	8	..	1st Wednesday	4	Mrs. Mary Cutinger.
5	Hanover	1903	Miss Mary Runge	24	24	..	..	..	..	..	1st & 3d Friday	8	Mrs. Mary Pembaker.
6	Hebron	1897	Mrs. A. L. Hict, Waterville, R. D. 1	9	7	2	..	..	9	..	2d Thursday	3	Mrs. Sarah Kistler.
7	Waterville	1897	Mrs. E. M. Rice, R. D. 1	18	13	5	..	1	13	..	3d Saturday	5	Mrs. J. P. Burtis.
8	Hutchinson	1889	Mrs. Julia Little, 413 6th Ave. W.	10	10	..	..	..	10	..	1st Thursday	6	Mrs. Jas. Armstrong.
9	Kansas City (First), Mo.	1884	Mrs. Hiram George, 232 East 30th St.	18	18	..	..	1	10	..	1st Friday	7	Mrs. J. C. Shindel.
10	Kansas City (Trinity), Kans.	1904	Mrs. C. J. Gebhaur, 1010 Sandusky Ave.	11	9	2	..	..	7	..	2d Wednesday	8	Mrs. R. B. Wolf.
11	Lawrence	1886	Mrs. A. W. Lamb, 1046 R. I. St.	18	18	..	..	..	16	..	1st Friday	18	Mrs. E. E. Stauffer.
12	Moray	1881	Mrs. Mary C. Turkleson	21	21	..	..	..	17	..	1st Thursday	15	Mrs. Oscar Nelson.
13	Ottawa	1885	Mrs. Addie Pugh, 414 Ash	12	9	3	..	..	9	..	1st Wednesday	9	Mrs. C. W. Sifferd.
14	Oklahoma City, Okla.	1903	Mrs. A. Goodholm	16	15	2	..	..	16	..	1st Tuesday	..	Mrs. L. Kelley.
15	Peabody	1885	Mrs. Hattie Brown	31	31	..	..	..	31	..	1st Thursday	12	Mrs. T. I. Pourst.
16	Perth	1885	Mrs. Frank Servis	14	14	..	12	..	8	..	1st Thursday	5	Mrs. Mary Mickley.
17	Salina	1882	Mrs. M. A. Nothstein	16	16	..	2	..	10	..	2d Thursday	10	Mrs. Alice G. Bond.
18	St. Joseph, Mo.	1905	Mrs. G. Ramsdell, 1020 Angelique St.	23	15	8	..	..	9	..	1st Friday	7	Mrs. R. M. Ludwig.
19	Topeka	1882	Mrs. J. R. Wherfel, 783 Lindenwood Ave.	28	28	..	..	1	17	..	1st Wednesday	10	Mrs. J. R. Wherfel.
20	Whitewater	1889	Mrs. J. T. Beans, R. R. 2	7	7	..	..	..	7	..	2d Wednesday	7	Mrs. M. A. Acker.
21	Wellington	1906	Mrs. Chas. Hangue, 417 Jefferson	9	9	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	Mrs. H. A. Lord.
22	Leavenworth	..	..	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
				370	347	34	14	6	249	45	..	..	..
	Young People's Societies.												
1	Atchison	1902	Miss Josephine Livers (College)	12	12	..	..	..	1	..	..	9	Miss L. Christianson.
2	Salina	1903	Sent no report	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	Lawrence (no report)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Children's Bands.												
1	Emporia	1907	Miss Ruth Clark, 1113 Constitution	25	25	..	5	..	..	10	..	12	Miss Alice Wilcox.
2	St. Joseph, Mo.	1905	Christine Schmidt	20	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	Mrs. R. R. Lantz.

Respectfully submitted.

ANNE M. BERGSTRESSER.

Moved and carried that these two reports be accepted and referred to proper committee.

There was a burst of applause when Miss Anna Leidigh, as Trustee of Endowment Fund, reported that we have $1071.15. The $23 interest paid on the money raised last year is included in this amount. After this gratifying news the ladies arose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Trustee's Report.

Five years ago at Salina missionary convention a number of the ladies discussed the propriety of endowing a bed in the India Hospital, finally concluding that the opportune time had not arrived to present the matter to the convention. From year to year following that time a little more interest in the work was aroused, each year, and yet the financial condition of the societies hindered the work from being presented.

Not until the convention held in Emporia (1905) did the endowing of a bed in the India Hospital assume definite form. At that time the work was presented to the convention, and unanimously decided that the raising of one thousand dollars ($1,000) be the special work of the Missionary Societies of the Kansas Synod. Until the sum named be raised, a trustee was appointed to have the same in charge.

With prayer and confidence in the people the work was undertaken, although not knowing what would be accomplished. God has His own time and way to move His people to good works. The liberal responses to the work gave evidence of interest.

When $575.40 was reported at the Topeka convention much enthusiasm was manifested. This left $424.60 for our next year's work.

The same trustee was continued in the work. With hope and confidence the work of another year was begun.

Through the kindness of friends and societies, our hopes have been more than realized and prayers answered, which should be an inspiration and encouragement to greater things in the future.

God has led us step by step until He has made it possible for the women and friends of the Kansas Synod to have a part in alleviating the sufferings of their India sisters, and to Him we give thanks for willingness and generosity in this good cause.

Respectfully submitted.

ANNA M. BERGSTRESSER.

The Master has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, you have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE R. LEIDIGH.

CONTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR.

Abilene Society	$25 00	Salina Society	25 00
Abilene, Mrs. Beltzhoover	50	Salina, Mrs. E. D. Donmeyer	25 00
Atchison Society	25 00	Topeka Society	12 00
Atchison, Mrs. H. M. Jackson	10 00	St. Joseph Society	15 00
Atchison, Mrs. Veatch	1 00	Waterville Society	6 75
Atchison, Mrs. J. Schauer	1 00	Waterville (Hebron) Society	3 00
Atchison, Miss Mary Yarger	2 00	Wellington Society	15 00
Emporia Society	13 85	Wellington, Mrs. C. Hangen	5 00
Emporia Mission Band	10 00	Whitewater Society	3 00
Emporia Luther League	5 00	Conference at Salina	6 00
Emporia, Miss Mary Herbert	5 00	Bunker Hill Church	20 00
Eureka Society	7 00	Tipton, Ia., Mrs. G. Osten	2 00
Eureka, H. F. Rizer	10 00	Tipton, Ia., Rev. J. K. Rizer	5 00
Hanover Society	17 00	Tipton, Ia., Conrad Rizer	1 00
Hutchinson Society	5 15	Tipton, Ia., Mrs. E. M. Kuhl	5 00
Hutchinson, Miss A. R. Leidigh	50 00	South Haven, Mrs. H. Zimmerman	5 00
Hutchinson Mrs. C. J. Ryde	1 00	Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. A. B. Shrader	5 00
Hutchinson, Mrs. Schoenholz	1 00	Sedalia, Mo., Mrs. S. M. Lesher	1 00
Kansas City (First) Society	10 00	Ladies' Aid Society, Grace Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo.	10 00
Kansas City, Kan., Society	5 00	Interest on deposit	23 00
Lawrence, Kan., Society	10 00		
Lawrence Mission Band	2 00	Total	$495 75
Leavenworth Society	10 00	Reported last convention	575 40
Moray Society	25 00		
Ottawa Society	11 50	Grand total	$1,071 15
Oklahoma City Society	8 00		
Peabody Society	32 00		

Report accepted and referred to proper committee.

A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Leidigh for her excellent work.

Treasurer's Report.

In submitting my report, it gives me great pleasure to say that the forward movement so marked the preceding year has been maintained by the auxiliaries in the year just closed.

It is with profound joy that we announce the completion of the Endowment Fund.

Names of Societies.	General Fund.	Thank Offering.	Bed in India Hospital.	Girls' School in India.	Emma V. Day Memorial School.	Arundelpet Caste Girls' School.	Christmas Offering.	May Memorial.	Clarksburg, W. Va.	South Omaha.	Synodical Fund.	Endowment Fund, India Hospital.	Total.
Convention Offering, 1906	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$15 03	.....	$15 03
Abilene	$38 40	$18 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 10	.....	$2 00	$2 00	6 40	$25 00	93 50
Atchison	35 85	17 65	$3 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	$1 00	3 00	3 00	6 00	25 00	99 50
Atchison Young Ladies'	4 50	6 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 84
Emporia	9 55	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	1 25	.....	1 40	13 85	47 80
Emporia Mission Band	5 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	15 44
Eureka	7 00	11 07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	7 00	27 07
Hanover	27 00	.....	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00	50 25
Hutchinson	11 55	11 00	2 25	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	5 15	34 95
Kansas City, Mo., First Church	23 10	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 60	10 00	41 70
Kansas City, Kans.	12 20	7 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 60	5 00	27 20
Lawrence	27 70	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 80	10 00	57 50
Lawrence Mission Band	9 88	.....	.....	$25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	36 88
Leavenworth	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	10 00	15 50
Moray	24 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	25 00	68 00
Ottawa	12 80	10 50	1 40	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 70	11 50	38 90
Oklahoma City	19 45	23 31	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 80	8 00	56 56
Perth	8 10	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	65	1 00	1 40	.....	19 90
Perth Mission Band	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Peabody	47 25	10 75	5 00	.....	16 75	.....	4 50	.....	.....	5 00	3 40	32 00	124 65
Salina	17 95	11 65	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 50	2 80	25 00	64 40
Salina Young People	13 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 76
Topeka	30 00	11 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	3 00	4 00	12 00	66 00
St. Joseph	12 90	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	1 30	15 00	41 20
St. Joseph Mission Band	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 50
Waterville	16 50	8 50	1 25	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	1 30	1 25	2 50	6 75	39 30
Waterville (Hebron)	11 50	6 00	1 40	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	1 00	1 40	3 00	25 05
Wellington	5 00	4 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	24 75
Whitewater	7 15	10 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	1 80	3 00	25 45
Mrs. H. Zimmerman	1 25	.....	50	25	25	25	.....	.....	.....	25	25	5 00	8 00
Ladies' Aid Soc. Grace Ln. Ch., Kansas City, Mo.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Personal Contributors to Endowment Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 50	130 50
Bunker Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	20 00
Emporia Luther League	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Collection from Salina Conference	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	6 00
Interest on Endowment Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 00	23 00
Receipts for the year	$450 88	$229 02	$26 55	$25 25	$17 00	$4 25	$27 10	$2 00	$17 20	$28 00	$67 08	$405 75	$1380 08
Balance from last year	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 30	.....	.....	.....	38 64	575 40	638 34
Total to be accounted for	472 88	229 02	26 55	25 25	17 00	4 25	29 40	2 00	17 20	28 00	105 72	1071 15	2028 42
Remitted or Expended on Orders	467 88	226 52	26 55	25 25	17 00	4 25	29 40	2 00	17 20	28 00	83 27	.....	927 32
Balance in Treasury	5 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 45	1071 15	1101 00

MRS. R. B. WOLF, Treasurer.

Report accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Vice-President of Northeast Conference.

The work during the year has been encouraging and we believe in the near future several societies will be organized. I mailed twelve letters to congregations not organized, urging the importance of a live W. H. and F. M. Society as a valuable aid to the pastor in his work. Received three letters assuring us that an effort would be made to organize a society.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. B. WHERFEL.

In the absence of Mrs. T. L. Bond, Vice-President Southwest Conference, report was given by Mrs. H. A. Ott, as follows:

Report of the Southwest Conference.

The Southwest Conference met in St. John's Lutheran Church, of Salina, on June 18th.

They invited Mrs. Bond, the president of the Conference, to arrange a program, which was carried out. There were about a dozen women in attendance. The Conference united with us in our program, which occupied the afternoon session.

Mrs. Armstrong, of Hutchinson, presented the Endowment Fund, which seemed to create much interest among the ministers present. A collection was taken and six dollars was turned into the fund. Miss Leidigh also spoke on this subject, and afterward remained and canvassed among the ladies, securing forty dollars for the fund.

Mrs. Bond gave an account of our General Convention, which was listened to with interest.

Miss Myrtle Holler, of Peabody, gave a well written paper on some of the phases of our work.

Mrs. Humphrey, of Abilene, had a paper on our course of united study which was interesting throughout. This paper was ordered typewritten to be passed among our societies.

Rev. Beiswanger invited the women to meet with the Conference in Oklahoma City, and a program is now in course of preparation.

Altogether we felt that the meeting was a success.

MRS. LYDIA A. OTT,
for MRS. BOND, *President.*

The two reports accepted and referred to committee.

Historian's Report.

We are again permitted to assemble in this the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the Kansas Synodical Society.

With thanks to our Heavenly Father for His watchful care over our work during the past year we come together to sum up the results, we trust "well done."

During the year the following have been added to the historical collection:

Minutes of the last Convention and of the General Convention at Philadelphia, Missionary Journals, Mission Studies, programs and other missionary intelligence added to Scrap Book; also a chart containing an outline of the work for 26 years.

No new Life Members reported. The present number, twelve.

The literature exhibit prepared for the General Convention is here for your inspection, and I trust you will carefully examine the same. It being a new departure in the work, it required time and care in its preparation and certainly marks a new epoch in the history of our work. This exhibit now goes to the historical collection and as the years come and go will be more replete with interest.

IN MEMORIAM.

At Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 11, 1907, Mrs. Mary J. Schauer was called home. First Vice President of this Society, a charter member and organizer of the first Society in the Kansas Synod at Waterville, Kan.

On the morning of Feb. 14, 1907, Mrs. S. S. Waltz, of Louisville, Ky., answered the call, "Come up higher." The first President of the Kansas Synodical Society and intensely interested in its organization.

Is it not fitting that we should pause for a moment and pay this tribute of love to the memory of loving service and consecrated activity of these two departed sisters? Beautiful lives with their crowns now won. Living not for self, but for others. Doing not their own will, but the will of their Heavenly Father, was their continual delight.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVE J. PETERS,

Historian.

Referred to proper committee.

In memory of our deceased sisters, Mrs. Mary J. Schauer and Mrs. S. S. Waltz, we sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," Mrs. J. B. Wherfel offered prayer.

The President appointed the following reporters and committees:

The Lutheran World, Mrs. O. J. Peters; *Lutheran Observer*, Mrs. S. M. Lesher; *Lutheran Evangelist*, Mrs. I. B. Heisey; *Missionary Journal*, Mrs. W. Y. Armstrong; *Daily Press*, Mrs. H. A. Ott.

Committees:

Officers' Reports—Mrs. M. F. Troxell, Mrs. E. Ellison, Miss Belle Schell.

Minutes—Mrs. R. B. Wolf, Miss Mary Bauslin, Mrs. J. B. Wherfel.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. Hiram George, Mrs. Frank Servis, Mrs. E. R. Worthington.

Department Secretaries' Reports—Mrs. J. C. Schindle, Mrs. John Bright, Mrs. D. H. Schmidt.

Literature and Box Work—Mrs. B. F. Pugh, Mrs. E. E. Stauffer, Mrs. A. F. Myser.

Resolutions—Mrs. Fuller Bergstresser, Mrs. H. Herchenroeder, Miss Anna Leidigh, Mrs. H. Runkle.

Endowment Fund—Mrs. H. A. Ott, Mrs. A. Nicholas, Miss Mildred Chase.

Moved and carried that we adjourn at 11.30 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Adjourned with Society benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. D. H. Schmidt, of St. Joseph, Mo.

Business session opened with prayer by Mrs. O. J. Peters

After Roll Call Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, our Field Secre-

tary, came forward, was greeted with Chautauqua salute, and gave an interesting address.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Thank-offering Secretary.

Thankoffering Report.

"Labor with what zeal we will,
Something still remains undone,
Something uncompleted still
Waits the rising of the sun."

There is no time in the year when we are more conscious or appreciative of the above than when the yearly report is called for at convention. And yet, it is with gratitude for progress the past year that your thank-offering secretary comes before you today. There have been without doubt opportunities lost, or not improved as they might have been, talents unused and responsibilities evaded. These are now things of the past. Let us profit by past experiences and labor so that the coming year will yield much more fruit than the one just closed.

Our thank-offering as a whole was quite encouraging, but let us just try to do a little better this year. A little effort on the part of each one will mean so much to the cause in general. But what we do let it be done willingly and prayerfully.

Your secretary has endeavored to keep in touch with each society. But it has been hard to get a full and correct report of the work. By mistake some would report the meeting and not the money; then some would report the money only and some failed to report at all. However, through the kindness of our treasurer I have been able to get a report of all the money, which was $229.02, an increase over the previous year, Oklahoma Society taking the lead with an offering of $23.31. I speak of this because it is one of the younger societies, only four years old, with a membership of 16. The next highest is Emporia, with 12 members and an offering of $20.00.

However, the societies have all done well in the thank-offering department this year.

Your secretary has sent out 77 letters and 20 postal cards, over 100 tracts, beside a great many of the invitation letters and other literature; presented the cause whenever an opportunity afforded; 15 replies have been received from different societies.

That is quite an increase over last year. In fact, all along the line of work there has been a marked improvement and yet there is room for a great deal more.

One thing I would strongly advise, that of holding public thank-offering meetings, plan to have interesting meetings, talk them up and try to get your own members enthused, and there is no doubt when you get that accomplished you will interest others, in that way get new members and be a means of increasing our thank-offering. There have been eight public meetings reported to me the past year.

Then, let us be more liberal with our literature, scatter it freely wherever and whenever you can, and don't forget to urge the use of the mite box, always keeping it in a conspicuous place. Where the mite boxes have been used the best results have been obtained.

Now let me urge that the thank-offering meetings be promptly reported to your thank-offering secretary. Let this be done without solicitation and then the secretary will have no trouble keeping a complete record of your work and will be able to give a more accurate report of the work throughout the Synod.

At the last executive meeting $3.00 was allowed for expenses.

Expended for	Stamps	$1 50
"	" Tracts	60
"	" Stationery	30
"	" Postal Cards	20
		$2 60
Received for record card		6
Balance on hand		46

Respectfully,

MRS. HIRAM GEORGE.

Referred to proper committee.

Report of Secretary of Young People's and Mission Bands.

Between twenty-five and thirty letters were sent to Presidents and Corresponding Secretaries of the Missionary Societies. Answers were received from most of them.

Only four societies have Mission Bands. The reason given by most all for having no Mission Bands was that they have not the *time* nor those capable of taking charge.

Let us not be discouraged, but pray earnestly for these departments.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. V. CAGNEY,

Secretary.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Mrs. O. J. Peters, chairman of Literature Committee.

Report of Literature Committee.

Your Committee on Literature beg leave to report as follows:

The number of Mission Studies for 1907, 50. Orders for Tracts as follows: Peabody, Topeka, Salina, Abilene, Ottawa, Waterville, Hutchinson, St. Joseph, Lawrence, Emporia, Perth, Atchison, Leavenworth, Kansas City (Kan.), Y. L. S., Midland College; total, 15.

I am glad to report that the United Study of Missions has greatly increased the interest of Missionary Literature. The enthusiasm in this study, and the call for helps along that line is very gratifying. We welcome the "Woman's Magazine," and anxiously await the first number.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Deficit Oct. 1st, 1906	$ 12
By appropriation	5 00
For sale of literature transferred from the Salina Chautauqua	3 13
For sale of literature at Topeka	5 00
For 50 Mission Studies	12 50
For 16 Christus Redemptor	5 60
For 3 maps (Isles of the Sea)	1 50
For 3 copies Telugoos	1 50
For 4 sets of pictures	1 00
For 4 dozen Topic Cards	60
For 15 Tracts	3 75
For 34 subscriptions to Missionary Journals	8 50
Total	$48 20

Disbursements.

To Miss S. M. Protzman, for literature transferred from the Salina Chautauqua	$ 3 13
To Miss S. M. Protzman, 50 Mission Studies	12 50
To Miss S. M. Protzman, 16 Christus Redemptors	5 60
To Miss S. M. Protzman, 3 maps (Isles of the Sea)	1 50
To Miss S. M. Protzman, 3 copies Telugoos	1 50
To Miss S. M. Protzman, 4 sets of pictures	1 00
To Miss S. M. Protzman, 4 dozen Topic Cards	60
To Miss S. M. Protzman, 15 Tracts	3 75
To the Lutheran Publication Society, 34 subscriptions to the Missionary Journal	8 50
To Miss S. M. Protzman, literature	4 94
For postage, stationery, post office orders and drafts	4 06
Total	$47 08
Leaving a balance of	$ 1 12

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVE J. PETERS,

Chairman of Literature Committee.

Report accepted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your committee has examined the books of the Treasurer, and find them very well kept and correct in every particular.

MRS. LYDIA A. OTT.
MRS. HIRAM GEORGE.

No report from Box Work Committee, as box work was abandoned for past year and our energies centered on Endowment fund.

Report of Delegate to the General Convention.

The Fifteenth General Convention of our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society met in Philadelphia, May 7-10. Having been selected by the Kansas Synodical Society as its representative in that convention, it was my privilege to attend its sessions, and it is with a sense of having derived much personal benefit that I present you herewith my report. As I attempt to relate the proceedings of this, the greatest convention our Lutheran women have ever held, my prayer is that I may also be able to impart to you in some measure, at least, an idea of the marked spiritual character of that magnificent body of women, and the enthusiasm and consecration that pervaded all their acts.

The formal address of welcome was given by Mrs. Stoever, of Mt. Airy, welcoming us to the historic city of Brotherly Love and to the hearts and homes of the Lutheran people therein.

Mrs. J. E. Hoick, from California, made fitting response, urging the more indifferent among Christian women to join our ranks if the message, "Go disciple all nations," is to be heard around the world. Other greetings were heard from the Synodical Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, that of the United Synod of the South, and from other missionary and Christian organizations. Dr. Kugler and the Rev. and Mrs. Albrecht brought greetings from the Indian field, while a letter was read from Miss Klein from Africa.

Mrs. Witmer, of Des Moines, then led a symposium of the delegates on the subject, "Progress," in which 21 took part, reporting the progress made by their respective Synodical societies during the Biennium, and the outlook for the future.

In the evening of this first day the church was filled to overflowing, and nothing during the whole convention was more deeply impressive than the service of the Holy Communion. The President, Mrs. P. A. Heilman, then read her address, which was a most impressive presentation of what the Woman's Society has done and

is doing for the Church and the world. We trust that all our members will read this excellent address as published in the minutes of convention.

It will be best to pass by matters of routine business and touch only the conspicuous and salient features of the reports of the various officers. The Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Hay Morris, reported that during the Biennium there had been an increase of 5,369 members. There were 65 new Woman's Societies and 26 Young People's, but a decrease of 8 in the number of Children's Bands. The falling off in the children's department and the small amount of interest manifested among the Y. P. was greatly deplored by the whole convention, and it was urged that special prayer be offered and more earnest work be undertaken to revive the work among the children and young people, upon whom after all the work of the evangelization of the world depends. Miss Morris reported 932 societies of all departments, and 29,875 members.

Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer, reported a large increase in the receipts over the previous Biennium. The total increase was $11,700, half of which, or $5.892, was in the Thank-offering department alone. The convention, however, heard with regret that the Christmas offering of 1906 and that for the Clarksburg Mission fell short of the amount required more than a thousand dollars each. These were the only disappointments in the financial statement, and they embarrass and delay those funds very much. The total amount received by the general treasury during the two years was $72,507. This is the best report ever presented at a general convention of our society, and was greeted with very enthusiastic demonstrations.

The report of the Executive Committee is awaited with the most intense interest, as it sets forth the details of our general work. Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Secretary of the Committee, presented this report, which was interrupted at times with hearty applause and fervent thanksgiving that our work has been so manifestly and abundantly blessed of the Lord. No more important recommendation could be made by your delegate than that the representatives of the auxiliary societies here present, provide themselves with the printed minutes and study this report.

An item which aroused general enthusiasm was that the Hon. John F. Firch, of Spokane, Wash., had promised the sum of $10,000, to be used in founding a college for women in India. It was resolved that it be called the Firch Memorial College for Women, and that plans of the Girls' Boarding School be enlarged so that

the cost of buildings and equipment shall be $20,000, exclusive of $3,000 paid for the site. When this is all done, our work in India will be second to that of no other denomination in efficiency of equipment and thoroughness of organization. It was also reported that the Rev. and Mrs. Jeremiah Zimmerman contributed $2000 to build a chapel for the hospital work. The committee commended the special work undertaken by Synodical societies, particularly the endowment of beds in the hospital. Of the funds received, $18,800 had been expended on Home Missions, $11,800 for Church Extension, and $34,000 for Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Emma B. Scholl, Historian, reported the addition of 239 life members, making in all 1144. The importance of this part of the work was repeatedly impressed upon all delegates. It is to be regretted that the Kansas Society has not been enriched by a single new life member during the biennium. The historian recommended very strongly that societies should expend both time and money to spread missionary intelligence among the children and young people, calling attention to the fact, that if we succeed with the 225,000 children of our Sunday-schools, we shall insure the largest possible results in the years to come.

The Literature Committee expressed their gratification at the stimulus to the work brought about by the enthusiastic reception and faithful use of books of the United Study Course. Mission study classes are more than ever urged upon our women. This committee also reported the selection of a Scriptural Benediction for use at their meetings, and, also, the approval of a design for an official badge.

In the report by the Home Department Secretary, all delegates were asked to urge their auxiliaries to give this phase of the work serious consideration and prompt action.

The German Department reported only 18 societies in the 118 German congregations of the General Synod.

Our own Mrs. Bond, for the Thank-offering Department, reported that the thank-offerings of the two years reached the magnificent sum of $19,386, an increase of almost $6,000 over the previous biennium.

Very great importance was placed by the convention on the Young People's Department. The Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Hay, pleads for united study on the part of our young people, in order that they might develop the "world-wide heart," which is the real solution of the world's evangelization and its motive force. Special work for the young people has been assigned in the India-Africa girls' schools.

The Mission Band Secretary, Miss Rebecca Gordon, closed her report with the plea for a deeper concern in the work of training the children in the missionary spirit, and that more leaders might be found, adapted to the work among children, to further this department.

For the first time the General Society has had a Field Secretary, who began her services in this department Sept. 1, 1905. It is a matter of interest to the Kansas Synodical Society that the first and present incumbent of this office, Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, was at one time president of our Synodical Society, and at the time of her selection was taken from our territory. The results of this new movement have justified both the establishment of it and the selection of this particular officer.

The convention program was well filled with addresses. Wherever it was possible to get one in it was done. Some of the ablest of our men and women in the whole Church were there.

A number of practical features brought out during the convention were full of help and suggestion.

The interest and enthusiasm which were in evidence during every moment of the convention reached their finest expression during the reading of the Magazine Committee's Report. The main features of the recommendations were that the society undertake the publication of a monthly magazine to be known as Lutheran Woman's Work, beginning January 1, 1908, at fifty cents a year. Following the lead of the representatives of the other Synodical Societies, your delegate subscribed in the name of the Kansas Synod the sum of Five Dollars for an autograph copy, and you are asked to ratify this by formal action.

The historical exhibit, the best ever made, consisted of a series of charts representing a brief review of the development of the work from one biennium to another, and charts illustrative of the country and peoples of India and Africa; also charts prepared by the Synodical Historians and those furnished by the Home Missions under the care of the Society, with 60 photographs of Home Missionaries. The Thank-offering Department had a series of charts marking the growth of that department, and illustrating special features in different synods. Mrs. A. V. Pohlman, one-time missionary to Africa, prepared an African village in miniature, depicting everything about the life in Africa from the material and architecture of the houses to the mode and fabric of the dress. The work of the young people and also that of the mission bands was made especially interesting. The women of the General Council Society and also

those of the General Synod South contributed to the exhibits.

Mrs. J. P. Krechting conducted the closing exercises of the convention in a manner beautiful and impressive.

This will go down into history as the greatest gathering of Lutheran women ever held. Who can estimate the influences which shall owe their origin to the convention though they may not be recorded in the formal proceedings? The delegates and visitors returned to their homes filled with enthusiasm and renewed in strength, to diffuse among the societies in their own districts the spirit of the convention, and to reveal to our Lutheran women all over this land the vision of the grandeur of our woman's work.

MRS. R. B. WOLF, *Delegate.*

Report accepted and referred to proper committee.

Vocal solo by Mrs. Walter A. Dorsey, of Kansas City.

A paper on "Our Funds and How Distributed" was read by Mrs. H. A. Ott, giving a clear explanation of what our funds are and for what used, as found in the Minutes of General Convention at Philadelphia. Discussion.

Repeated missionary benediction; adjourned.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

Session was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. H. L. Yarger, presiding.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. A. B. Shrader, of Kansas City, Mo.

Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Geo. Beiswanger, of Oklahoma City, Ok.

A missionary address was given by Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, our Field Secretary.

Vocal Solo by Mrs. Walter A. Dorsey.

After an entertaining and instructive talk by our India missionary, Miss Ellen B. Schuff, the offering of the evening was taken.

Hymn 337 was sung.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Marion J. Kline, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

THIRD SESSION.

Devotional service conducted by Miss Belle Schell, of Lawrence, Kan.

After prayer by Mrs. J. C. Schindle, of Kansas City, roll was called.

Minutes of Second Session read and approved.

Rev. Geo. Bieswanger brought greetings from Synod, and gave a short talk on our Woman's Mission in Oklahoma City, of which he is pastor.

An inspiring address was made by Dr. Marion J. Kline, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Beegle explained very thoroughly our new magazine, Lutheran Woman's Work.

One stanza of "Break Thou the Bread of Life" was sung.

Abstract of paper on "Our Successors: What are We Doing to Train Them?" Mrs. A. F. Myser, Emporia.

We can leave the church, as well as the unchurched in our own land, and the heathen in foreign lands, no better gift than a band of consecrated, intelligent young men and women, filled with missionary enthusiasm. As a society, first, we must support by our gifts and prayers the work already begun; and second, look to the welfare of our own children as our successors, and not make Christians of the heathen by our work, and heathen of our own Christian children by our neglect. In mother's arms must the training be begun. The child is here taught the first great lessons of faith. Here it is taught to pray, to love the Bible, to reverence the Sabbath, etc. But how shall we reach children who come from homes that are not Christian or only nominally Christian, and interest them in missionary work? For this purpose, as well as for the further training of our own children, our Society has organized the Mission Band. We missionary women are responsible for this work, and the way in which we do it will in a great measure determine our success. We often train children away from Mission Bands, and interest in missions by our attitude toward that work even while engaged in doing it. Our attitude towards our own missionary society is equally important. Only twelve meetings a year and the time and place of meeting fixed, so that we know when and where,

and yet how often are we late, or go as if we were going to be offered up, or make some trifling excuse, which we ourselves do not believe, and do not go at all. Think you the children gather missionary enthusiasm and inspiration from our lives under such conditions? If our missionary society is a success, our work with the children will be a success. . . . In the training of our successors we must not forget the power of the press. Our children will read and we are responsible if they do not read that which will contribute to their highest good. . . . Concern for the souls of others will make us faithful to our own society, and above all, faithful in teaching our successors. If nothing else in life, may we be faithful to Christ, for the reward is great, even as He Himself hath said, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Discussion.

Open parliament, What is the best thing done in your Society the past year? Delegates of all societies responded: The best feature of the work was increased interest.

The President appointed Mrs. M. F. Troxell to convey greetings to Synod.

On motion time of adjournment was extended to 12 o'clock for election of officers.

The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. H. L. Yarger, Atchison, Kan.

Vice-President N. E. Conference, Mrs. J. B. Wherfel, Topeka, Kan.

Vice-President S. W. Conference, Mrs. T. L. Bond, Salina, Kan.

Motion carried that we adjourn and finish election after dinner.

Adjourned Meeting.—Election resumed.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. F. Myser, Emporia, Kan.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fuller Bergstresser, Abilene, Kan.

Treasurer, Mrs. I. B. Heisey, Waterville, Kan.

Trustee, Mrs. E. R. Worthington, Peabody, Kan.

FOURTH SESSION.

Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. W. Y. Armstrong, of Hutchinson.

Prayer by Dr. F. D. Altman.

After roll call minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Luther P. Ludden brought greetings from the Board of Home Missions, and told of the great work women are doing in the home field.

The conference and talk by Miss Schuff, in which she explained many curios brought from India, proved so interesting that motion was made to extend time of closing to 5 o'clock, so she might have more time.

Reports of Committees.

Report of Committee on Officers Report.

President's Report.—The President in her report told us the story of the year so clearly that we feel we need only say, "Well done."

Looking toward the coming year and its work, we find suggestions for the following recommendations:

First. An increased offering for General Fund, a liberal Thankoffering in November; also a generous Christmas offering.

Second. That we heed and respond to the special appeals of the General Executive Committee, and give hearty support to the Department Secretaries.

Third. That special endeavor be put forth to increase the number of Children's Bands.

Fourth. That a systematic effort in the interests of our new magazine, Lutheran Woman's Work, be made.

Fifth. That a nominal salary be paid the Treasurer, in order that her bond may be legal.

Vice-President Northeast Conference. We find our Vice-President has not wearied in well doing, but has been making an effort to reach by letter every congregation having no Missionary Society.

Vice-President Southwest Conference.—The Southwest Conference met at Salina, June 18. There were 12 women in attendance and a program on the following subjects rendered: The Endowment Fund; a Report of General Convention; Our United Study.

An invitation was accepted to meet in Oklahoma City for their next convention. Our Corresponding Secretary has given a very clear, concise report, receiving reports from all but five societies.

Historian's Report.—We note that during the year the Historian has added important publications; also the historical exhibit for the Philadelphia Convention, to her already valuable collection.

We note with sadness, but with appreciation, of the work they have done, the loss of two of our pioneer workers: Mrs. Mary J. Schauer, first vice-president of this society, and charter member and organizer of the first society in the Kansas Synod; Mrs. S. S. Waltz, the first president of the Kansas Synodical Society.

MRS. M. F. TROXELL,
MISS B. SCHELL,
MRS. E. ELLISON.

Considered seriatim and accepted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Minutes.

On page 62 of the Minutes of last convention we find these recommendations:

First. That remittances sent to the Synodical Treasurer be made to end in ciphers or the figure five. Has this been complied with? In part.

Second. That when auxiliary treasurers send funds for special objects, they distinctly designate which special object is meant. Has this been complied with? Yes.

Third. Have recommendations of Thank-offering Secretary, on page 63, been fulfilled? By fifteen societies.

Fourth. On page 69 of Minutes, that Christmas Offering be made a part of our regular work. Has this been done? By about one-half the societies.

Fifth. That the Treasurer of the Kansas Synodical Society be required to give bond for $1000. Has this been done? Yes.

Sixth. On page 72, that more Mission Bands be organized throughout the Synod. Has this been done? No.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. B. WOLF,
MRS. J. B. WHERFEL,
MISS MARY BAUSLIN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Literature and Box-Work.

The Committee on Literature are gratified to note the increase in demand for our literary work.

We trust that our new magazine, the "Lutheran Woman's Work," will meet with a hearty welcome from all of our auxiliaries.

On account of the Endowment Bed Fund, the box work was omitted this year. We would recommend that the box work be again resumed.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. F. PUGH,
MRS. E. E. STAUFFER,
MRS. A. F. MYSER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers report as follows:

First. Mrs. Wolf's report of the General Convention was inspiring, and will suggest that each society read the report carefully. Recommend that the report be printed in full. Also that this society ratify her action in subscribing $5.00 for the autograph number of our new magazine.

Second. In Mrs. Ott's paper in regard to "Our Funds," we find many good recommendations and would advise societies to co-operate with General Executive Committee in the distribution of the funds.

Third. Mrs. Myser's paper, "Our Successors," is so full of good thoughts that it would be hard to eliminate any part of it. Would suggest that it be read before each society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HIRAM GEORGE,
MRS. FRANK SERVIS.

Adopted.

Committee on Department Secretaries Reports.

We, the committee, have examined the reports and recommend:

First. That the auxiliary societies hold public thank-offering meetings in November; also recommend the usual allowance to Thank-offering Secretary.

Second. That as the few Young People's Societies and Mission Bands report a good work, more be organized.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. SCHINDEL,
MRS. JOHN BRIGHT,
MRS. D. H. SCHMIDT.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, By permission of our Heavenly Father, we are assembled in our twenty-seventh annual convention; and

WHEREAS, Reports show our societies to be in a good, active condition, therefore,

Resolved, first, That we give hearty thanks to our dear Father in Heaven for His continued blessings to the success of our work, and with praying hearts and thankfulness we go forth with renewed energy for the future.

Resolved, second, That the gratitude of this convention is due Miss Leidigh for her untiring efforts to bring about the completion of the Endowment Fund.

Resolved, third, That we regret the deaths of our beloved co-laborers, Mrs. M. J. Schauer and Mrs. S. S. Waltz, and hereby extend to their families and friends our sympathy, and to all our members who have been bereft of loved ones during the past year.

Resolved, fourth, That we ask our Heavenly Father to bless all our Missionaries and keep them in His loving care.

Resolved, fifth, That we extend a vote of thanks to Miss Ellen Schuff and Mrs. H. C. Beegle, for their interesting addresses; to Dr. Marion Kline and Dr. Ludden for their helpful talks; also the choir and soloists of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for their assistance.

Resolved, sixth, That the missionary women of the Kansas Societies remember the officers of the convention in their daily prayers.

Resolved, seventh, That the convention extend a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. R. B. Wolf, for her faithful services during the past three years; also a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Winzenried for her much appreciated work as acting secretary in the absence of the regular secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
MRS. H. HERCHENROEDER,
MRS. H. RUNKLE.

Considered seriatim and adopted.

On motion the President appointed Mrs. Zimmershied and Mrs. R. B. Wolf as committee to write letters of condolence to Dr. Waltz and the Sohauer family.

Report of Committee on Endowment Fund.

The report of the Trustees of the Endowment Fund has been examined, and we would report that the work has been looked after in a most efficient manner. We feel that the marked success which

has attended this enterprise has been largely due to the untiring zeal and generous liberality of Miss Leidigh.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LYDIA A. OTT,
MRS. A. NICHOLAS,
MISS MILDRED CHASE.

Adopted.

By vote of Society, Miss Leidigh was made a life member of General Society in appreciation of her work in securing all of the endowment fund.

Motion made and carried that we reconsider resolutions in regard to Treasurer's bond given in Minutes of last convention; that amount of same be $500 instead of $1000.

Moved that we pay our Treasurer $5 per year in order to enable her to secure a legal bond. Carried.

Moved that we extend a rising vote of thanks to Rev. E. E. Stauffer and the Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church, Lawrence, Kan., for the beautiful gavel presented to Synodical Society, and that Mrs. Stauffer convey same. Carried.

Moved and carried that we have a bronze tablet put on the bed in India hospital, which our Society will endow, and that Miss Leidigh correspond with Secretary of Executive Committee of General Society regarding same.

Voted that Miss Leidigh's expenses incurred in her work as Trustee of Endowment Fund be paid.

Motion made and carried that $5 be allowed the chairman of Literature Committee to carry on the work of the coming year.

Motion that we take up box work the coming year. Carried.

Mrs. M. F. Troxell conducted a very impressive consecration service.

After repeating missionary benediction convention adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Annual Executive Session convened in the parlors of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, October 17, 1907.

Prayer by Miss Leidigh.

The President made appointments as follows:

Secretary German Department, Mrs. Carl Krueger, Atchison.

Secretary Literature Committee, Mrs. H. A. Ott, Salina.

Secretary Home Department, Mrs. H. Runkle, Waterville.

Secretary Thank-offering Department, Mrs. Hiram George, Kansas City.

Secretary Young People's and Mission Bands, Mrs. M. V. Cagney, Emporia.

Auditing Committee, Mrs. H. Runkle, Mrs. J. P. Burtis, Waterville.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Miss Ellen Schuff	$10 00
Mrs. H. L. Yarger, postage, stationery and programs	6 00
Mrs. O. J. Peters, traveling expenses	6 00
Mrs. O. J. Peters, expense preparing General Convention historical exhibit	4 25
Mrs. Fuller Bergstresser, letters and postage	5 00
Mrs. R. B. Wolfe, postage, stationery and blanks	2 75
Total	$34 00

Motion carried that Miss Annie Leidigh's bill of $22 traveling expenses be allowed from surplus of endowment fund.

MRS. W. B. WINZENRIED,
Recording Secretary, pro tem.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents (selected, respectively, from the two Conferences comprising the Synod), Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Historian.

ARTICLE II.—Elections.

Section 1. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the morning session of the last day of the annual meeting, a majority vote being necessary to an election.

Section 2. No lady shall be elegible to any office for a longer period than two consecutive years.

ARTICLE III.—Executive Committee.

The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to exercise supervision throughout the year, and fill all vacancies in office or committee.

ARTICLE IV.—Incidental Fund.

Section 1. Auxiliaries shall contribute twenty cents per member annually toward an incidental fund and the expense of a delegate to the Biennial Convention.

Section 2. The expenses of the administration throughout the year, also the traveling expenses of the President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer and Delegate of the Synodical Literature Committee to the Annual Convention, shall be paid from this fund.

ARTICLE V.—Synodical Delegate.

The auxiliaries shall elect their Delegates to the Synodical Conventions in August, and report to the Synodical President immediately.

ARTICLE VI.—Amendments.

These By-laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Annual Convention.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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